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OF THE

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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

MARCH 13, A. L. 5878.

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R.W. John Viall	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 17.
R.W. George Robinson	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 18.
R.W. Frank Morton	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 19.
W. Thomas Waterman	Grand Lecturers.
W. J. Francis Lotts	Grand Lecturers.
W. Marlborough Williams	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Thomas W. Davis	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. John M. Rodocanachi	Senior Grand Steward.
W. James Mills	Junior Grand Stewards.
W. Nathaniel Greene	Junior Grand Stewards.
W. Henry N. Fisher	Junior Grand Stewards.
W. Joseph Winsor	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. Z. L. Bicknell	Grand Standard-Bearer.
W. Samuel Wells	Grand Pursuivants.
W. Henry J. Parker	Grand Pursuivants.
Bro. Howard M. Dow	Grand Organist.
Bro. Frank E. Jones	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. William D. Coolidge	Past Grand Master.
R.W. William Parkman	" " "
R.W. Charles C. Dame	" " "
R.W. G. Washington Warren	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Bradford L. Wales	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. Henry Chickering	" " "
R.W. Samuel P. Oliver	" " "
R.W. William F. Salmon	" " "
R.W. Samuel C. Lawrence	" " "
R.W. Charles Kimball	" " "
R.W. Henry Endicott	" " "
R.W. Wyzeman Marshall	" " "
R.W. Ivory H. Pope	" " "
R.W. Tracy P. Cheever	" " "
R.W. Joseph K. Baker	" " "
R.W. Lucius W. Lovell	" " "

The Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form at two o'clock, P.M. Prayer was offered by R.W.

Rev. Charles H. Titus, and the following words were sung: —

I.

How dear the place where Brothers true,
Their holy pledge of Faith renew!
Let notes of love responsive rise —
From East to West — to farthest skies.

II.

To HIM, our MASTER, throned in light,
Let every voice in praise unite;
Let notes of love responsive rise —
From East to West — to farthest skies.

The records of the Annual and Stated Communications in December last were approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

The records of the Special Communications of January 2, 1878, at Brookline, for the purpose of installing the officers of Beth-horon Lodge; of January 21, 1878, at Boston, for the purpose of visiting Massachusetts Lodge, and installing the Grand Pursuivant; and of February 15, 1878, at Norwood, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic Hall of Orient Lodge, and installing its officers, were read and approved.

By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws: —

FULL CODES.

RISING STAR, Stoughton.
MOUNT HERMON, Medford.
SAINT GEORGE (U.D.), Brockton.
MUMFORD RIVER (U.D.), East Douglas.

AMENDMENTS.

UNION, Dorchester.
MORNING STAR, Worcester.
AURORA, Fitchburg.
BAALBEC, East Boston.
QUINSIGAMOND, Worcester.
PIONEER, Somerset.
GREYLOCK, North Adams.
NORFOLK, Needham.
JERUSALEM, Northampton.
BETHANY, Merrimac.
HAMPDEN, Springfield.

Proxies were presented from

MAY FLOWER LODGE, Middleborough, in favor of W. BRO. BENJAMIN F. TRIPP.

FRATERNAL LODGE, Hyannis, in favor of W. BRO. GEORGE J. MILLER.

PHŒNICIAN LODGE, Lawrence, in favor of W. BRO. JOHN HAIGH.

PIONEER LODGE, Somerset, in favor of W. BRO. JOHN G. TINKHAM.

JOHN T. HEARD LODGE, Ipswich, in favor of W. BRO. ANDREW GEYER.

BETHESDA LODGE, Valparaiso, Chili, S. A., in favor of BRO. THEOPHILUS G. WADMAN.

EZEKIEL BATES LODGE, Attleborough, in favor of BRO. EVERETT S. CAPRON.

GRECIAN LODGE, Lawrence, in favor of W. BRO. MERRILL N. HOWE.

HUELEN LODGE, Santiago, Chili, S. A., in favor of W. BRO. WARREN B. ELLIS.

SAINT PAUL LODGE, Ayer, in favor of W. BRO. E. DANA BANCROFT.

WILLIAM SUTTON LODGE, Saugus, in favor of W. BRO. ALBERT H. SWEETSER.

HYDE PARK LODGE, Hyde Park, in favor of W. BRO. WILLIAM H. INGERSOLL.

JAMES OTIS LODGE, Barnstable, in favor of BRO. EBEN S. HINCKLEY.

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, Shanghai, China, in favor of R.W. BRO. WILLIAM F. SALMON.

The Brethren were recognized accordingly.

The roll of the Lodges was called and the following ninety-five Lodges were found to be represented: —

ABERDOUR.
ACACIA.
ALFRED BAYLIES.
AMICABLE.
ANCIENT LANDMARK.
ASHLER.
BAALBEC.
BETHESDA (Brighton).
BETHESDA (Valparaiso).
BETH-HORON.
BOYLSTON.
BRISTOL.
CALEB BUTLER.
CHARITY.
CHARLES A. WELCH.
CHARLES H. TITUS.
COCHICHEWICK.
CONSTELLATION.
CORINTHIAN.
DALHOUSIE.
ELIOT.
ESSEX.
EUREKA.
EZEKIEL BATES.
FELLOWSHIP.
FRATERNAL.
FRATERNITY.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE.
GERMANIA.
HAMMATT.
HAMPDEN.
HUELEN.
HYDE PARK.
IONIC (Taunton).
JAMES OTIS.
JOHN ABBOT.
JOHN CUTLER.
JOHN T. HEARD.
JORDAN.
JOSEPH WARREN.
JOSEPH WEBB.
KILWINNING.
KING CYRUS.
KING SOLOMON.
KONOHASSETT.
LAFAYETTE (Boston Highlands).
MARTHA'S VINEYARD.
MASSACHUSETTS.
MAY FLOWER.
MERIDIAN.
MIZPAH.
MONITOR.
MONTACUTE.
MONTGOMERY.
MORNING STAR.
MOUNT HERMON.
MOUNT HOLYOKE.
MOUNT HOREB (Woburn).
MOUNT HOREB (West Harwich).
MOUNT LEBANON.
MOUNT MORIAH.
MOUNT OLIVET.
MOUNT TABOR.
MOUNT VERNON.
NARRAGANSETT.
NORFOLK.
NORTH STAR.
OLD COLONY.
ORIENT.
PALESTINE.
PAUL DEAN.

PAUL REVERE.	ROBERT LASH.	STARR KING.
PENTUCKET.	SAINT ALBAN'S.	TEMPLE.
PHŒNIX.	SAINT JOHN'S (Boston).	TRINITY.
PLYMOUTH.	SAINT PAUL (Ayer).	UNION (Nantucket).
PUTNAM.	SIMON W. ROBINSON.	WASHINGTON.
QUINSIGAMOND.	STAR.	WILLIAM PARKMAN.
RABBONI.	STAR IN THE EAST.	WILLIAM SUTTON.
RISING STAR.	STAR OF BETHLEHEM.	ZETLAND.

Petitions for Charters were presented for Mumford River Lodge, East Douglas, and Saint George Lodge, Brockton, with their Records, By-Laws, and Returns, and were referred to the Committee on Charters.

PETITION FOR CHARTER FOR MUMFORD RIVER LODGE, EAST DOUGLAS.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: —

We, the undersigned, Master Masons, to whom your Most Worshipful Grand Master issued a Dispensation bearing date January 25, 1877, empowering us to form and open a Lodge, and other Master Masons joined herein by the consent of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, now returning our Dispensation with a record of all our proceedings, and our By-Laws, respectfully pray, if these be approved, for a Charter of Constitution, empowering us, with those who may hereafter join us, under the name of MUMFORD RIVER LODGE, of East Douglas, County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to perform all the ceremonies, and discharge all the duties, at said East Douglas, appertaining to Ancient Craft Masonry, in accordance with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

Andrew J. Thayer,
Noah H. Jones,
John McArthur,
William H. Moore,
Luke C. Keith,
Marcus M. Luther;
Barton Goddard,
J. Fred Brown,
Nelson Emmons,
B. F. Hodgdon,
William Abbott,
Edwin P. Heath,
Stillman Russell,
John Robbins,
William L. Church,
Arthur J. Dudley,
George F. Chapman,
George Abbott,
C. Houghton,
Caleb Hill,
Dorris T. Reynolds,
Merrill A. Woodard,
George D. Adams,
John M. Rawson,
George Cleaveland,
Edward F. Darcey.

East Douglas, Mar. 11, 1878.

PETITION FOR CHARTER FOR SAINT GEORGE LODGE, BROCKTON.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts : —

We, the undersigned, Master Masons, to whom your Most Worshipful Grand Master issued a Dispensation, dated February 14, A.D. 1877, and other Master Masons joined herein by the consent of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, now beg leave to return the same with a record of all our proceedings, and a copy of our By-Laws, and respectfully pray, if these be approved, that a Charter be granted, and that we, with such others as may hereafter join us, may be constituted into a regular chartered Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the name of Saint George Lodge, located in the town of Brockton, in the County of Plymouth, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with full power to perform all the ceremonies, and discharge all the duties, at said Brockton, appertaining to Ancient Craft

Masonry, in accordance with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

Hervey N. P. Hubbard,
Lucas Wales Alden,
William Snow Green,
Gardner J. Kingman,
George A. Haven,
George M. Skinner,
Fred W. Park,
Elmer L. Keith,
Zina Hayward,
J. Emery Merchant,
Horace B. Rogers,
Thomas W. Child,
Damon Kingman,
Howard P. Keith,
Joseph M. Hyde,
Ziba C. Keith,
Herbert M. Crossley,
Otis Cobb,
Jason N. Whitcomb,
George Stevens,
Lyman E. Keith,
Hiram A. Monk,
William Richards,
Flavel B. Keith,
Charles H. Dalton.

Brockton, March 11, 1878.

The proceedings of a convention of Lodges in New South Wales, in the formation of a Grand Lodge, and an application to be recognized as the regularly organized Grand Lodge of New South Wales, were presented by the Recording Grand Secretary, and were referred to a committee consisting of R.W. Brothers Sereno D. Nickerson, Henry Endicott, and Samuel P. Oliver.

R.W. Tracy P. Cheever, President of the Board of Trial Commissioners, submitted the following report. The finding and sentence were approved by vote of the Grand Lodge, whereby John Cameron,

of William Parkman Lodge, of Winchester, is expelled from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

REPORT OF TRIAL COMMISSIONERS IN THE CASE OF JOHN CAMERON.

In Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,
Quarterly Communication,
March 13, 1878.

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS OF TRIALS.

Josiah F. Stone, Complainant, *vs.* John Cameron.

This complaint charged the respondent with unmasonic conduct, under two specifications, the first of which alleged that, on or about the sixth day of April, A.D. 1877, and at divers times between that date and the eighth day of December in the same year, at Winchester, in this Commonwealth, the respondent "did feloniously steal, take and carry away a lot of calf-skins, the property of Phillip Waldmeyer and others, doing business under the name and style of Phillip Waldmeyer, the said Waldmeyer being a Master Mason."

The second specification charged the respondent with gross intoxication during the month of November, A.D. 1877.

Upon this complaint a summons was duly issued by the President of the Commissioners, commanding the respondent to appear and make answer to the complaint, which it had been determined by William Parkman Lodge, of Winchester, of which Lodge the respondent was a member, required investigation. Service of the summons was duly made and due return thereof presented, according to the provisions of the Constitutions and the regulations of the Commissioners. Upon the return day

of the summons the respondent appeared in person and pleaded guilty to both specifications of the complaint. Notwithstanding the plea of the respondent, the President of the Commissioners deemed it wise and prudent to take the testimony of the witnesses who were present in support of the prosecution, in order that the justice and propriety of the judgment which might be rendered in the case should not rest simply upon the respondent's confession of guilt, but be firmly established by the testimony and appear in the record.

Accordingly the testimony of Bro. Phillip Waldmeyer, the principal victim of the respondent's misconduct, and of Bro. Leone S. Quimby, Secretary of William Parkman Lodge, was taken by the President, and is made part of the record. Upon the testimony of Bro. Waldmeyer, it appeared that the respondent has been employed by him, on behalf of his firm, as a night watchman, in the tanning and currying establishment at Winchester. Early in April, 1877, certain calf-skins were found in a bundle upon the table in the factory. The witness made inquiry as to how the skins came there, of several persons, including his son and the foreman, neither of whom knew anything about the matter. When the respondent came at night to enter upon his duty, the witness asked him about the skins, expressing the opinion that some one had broken into the shop; but the respondent thought otherwise. Witness then gave respondent particular and minute directions as to fastening the windows and excluding all the workmen from the factory every night after the hours of labor were over. Witness had the fullest confidence in the integrity of the respondent, and not the slightest suspicion that he had taken any of his property; because, to quote the very words of the testimony, "I thought he was one of the most honest men that I ever was

acquainted with, and I knew that he was a member of William Parkman Lodge."

About a week or ten days after the occurrence, the witness found that forty-six skins were missing from the factory, and, upon speaking to the respondent, the latter said, "You will find them; they are mixed up with other lots;" but the skins were not found. Skins of the firm were missed in the same manner, a good many times, until July following; and when the witness spoke to respondent about them, he replied, as before, that they would be found mixed up with other lots; but they were never so found. On July 20, witness received a telegram from detectives in Boston that they had "caught the bird;" and upon going to No. 76 Portland street, in this city, he found and identified many of these skins. The respondent and the receiver of the skins were arrested and brought before the Criminal Court. The case finally went to the Superior Court. By the intercession of the witness, notwithstanding the shock to his feelings occasioned by the discovery of the gross dishonesty and treachery of the respondent, in whom he had placed such implicit confidence, the indictment was placed on file.

Brother Waldmeyer desired, in full recognition of the Masonic duty of charitable judgment, which it must be confessed he carried to the verge of propriety, to save the respondent from utter ruin, if possible, and to parry, to some extent, the blow which must fall upon his unfortunate family. It should be observed that, previous to this, respondent had made a full confession of his guilt in respect to the larceny of the skins, and promised to reform his conduct. The subsequent conduct of the respondent, particularly in respect to the habit of intoxication, and the reproach which that conduct was obviously bringing upon the Fraternity, at last compelled his generous and

charitable friend and Brother to yield to the clear duty of presenting before this tribunal the acts which form the subject matter of this complaint.

The case presents no important or interesting question of Masonic law or practice, but in all its moral aspects furnishes a sad lesson for our contemplation.

Upon the plea of the respondent, and upon the testimony presented under the complaint, the Commissioners adjudged him guilty of the charge and specifications, whereupon he is sentenced to expulsion from the rights and privileges of Masonry.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
President of Commissioners of Trials.

The Committee on Charters presented the following report, which was accepted, the recommendations adopted, and Charters granted to Mumford River Lodge, of East Douglas, and to Saint George Lodge, of Brockton.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,
March 13, 1878.

The committee to whom was referred the petitions of Mumford River Lodge, of East Douglas, and Saint George Lodge, of Brockton, for Charters, have carefully examined the proceedings of said Lodges, while working under Dispensation, and report them to be in accordance with the Constitutions of the M.W. Grand Lodge. The records are fairly kept and evidently are a correct transcript of the proceedings.

All dues having been paid to the Grand Treasurer, your committee would recommend that Charters be issued to Mumford River and Saint George Lodges, as prayed for.

Fraternally submitted,

IVORY H. POPE,
SAMUEL D. YOUNG,
AUSTIN BIGELOW,
Committee.

The Committee on the Grand Master's Annual Address of December 12, 1877, made report as follows, which was accepted, and ordered to be recorded: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND MASTER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS OF DEC. 12, 1877.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, March 13, 1878.

The committee to whom was referred the address of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, beg leave to submit the following report: —

The report of the Grand Master while it furnishes a clear and precise statement of the financial and official transactions of the Grand Lodge during the past year, makes no suggestions requiring immediate action. We are informed that for the year ending Aug. 31, 1877, the Lodges report the number of initiates to be 1,035, and the number of members 26,226. The number of chartered Lodges is 221. How much of the intelligence, public spirit, wealth, and character of this State finds its representatives in these Bodies! What undertaking coming within the scope of the objects of this Institution cannot the

Brethren, united in a common purpose, bring to a successful issue?

The financial statement shows a reduction of $12,055.80 in the debt of the Grand Lodge during the past year. The present net indebtedness, in round numbers, is $279,000. While the burden of the debt has been gradually and considerably diminished during the past few years, and under present arrangements is borne with comparative ease, the committee remember with anxiety that the receipts from the assessments known as Grand Lodge dues, will expire within two years, and that as yet no plan has been proposed to meet the deficiency which will then be created. We cannot doubt that the subordinate Lodges, which have signalized in the past their loyal devotion to the welfare of the Grand Lodge, will see to it that its solvency shall rest entirely above suspicion. The Fraternity of the Commonwealth has deliberately pledged its faith to extinguish the indebtedness of the Grand Lodge. The honor and dignity of the Order, therefore, are concerned in this matter, and it is necessary that the Brethren should cordially support the Grand Lodge in its exercise of proper prevision and care, to enable it to look forward without fear to all the demands of the future. We commend this matter to the thoughtful consideration of the Brethren.

The Grand Master justly felicitates the Grand Lodge upon the advantages which are already manifest from the establishment of Commissioners for the trial of Masonic offences. Several cases have been brought to trial before them, and the new tribunal is found to subserve admirably the purposes of its creation. He also finds that his expectations of the benefit which would arise from a reformation of the Ritual have been fully realized, as proved by the marked uniformity and excellence of the work of the Lodges of this jurisdiction. The committee cordially con-

cur, too, with the remarks made by the Grand Master in reference to the value of the new Trestle-Board. It meets a want which has long been felt by the Fraternity, and its preparation, under the auspices of the Grand Lodge, and the exclusive control over its distribution held by this Body, might well be imitated by other Grand Bodies in Masonry.

In closing this necessarily brief review of the topics adverted to in the retiring Grand Master's valedictory address, the committee would do injustice to their own feelings and to those of the Grand Lodge, should they fail to congratulate him upon the great measure of success which has attended his administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge, and to assure him that the fidelity and the ability which have marked his performance of the high duties of his office are fully and gratefully recognized by the Body, of which for three years he has been the respected head.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE,
ELIJAH W. BURR,
JAMES M. GLEASON,
Committee.

The Committee on Healing submitted the following reports: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALING ON THE PETITION OF GEORGE E. NELSON, OF BROCKTON.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,
March 13, 1878.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of George E. Nelson, praying to be formally healed, have attended to the duty assigned them, and submit the following report: —

Said Nelson applied to Paul Revere Lodge in January, 1867, for the degrees in Freemasonry, and was rejected in April, 1868. He made a second application, and was rejected in August, 1870. He subsequently removed to Cleveland, Ohio, and in November, 1872, made application for the degrees to Cleveland City Lodge No. 15, was accepted, and received the three degrees.

It appears by the statement of Mr. Nelson, and also by inspection of his application to said Cleveland City Lodge (which on the request of this committee was forwarded to them by the Worshipful Master of said Lodge), that the blank for said application did not contain a clause in which said Nelson should state whether or not he had before applied for the degrees. Mr. Nelson also states that the fact of his former application was not called to his attention, and this statement is confirmed by a letter received by this committee from the Worshipful Master of said Cleveland City Lodge.

Paul Revere Lodge, at a Communication held on Dec. 4, 1877, after due notice given, voted to approve the prayer of said Nelson to be healed by the following vote, viz.: Yeas, 35; Nays, 1.

Upon the foregoing facts, your committee recommend that the prayer of said Nelson be granted.

EDWARD AVERY,
FREDERICK D. ELY,
SAMUEL WELLS,
Committee.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation that George E. Nelson be formally healed was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALING ON THE PETITION OF SETH WINSLOW, OF CAMBRIDGE.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, March 13, 1878.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Seth Winslow, of Cambridge, to be formally healed, beg leave to submit the following report: —

As the facts relating to this case have been fully placed before the Grand Lodge, and are recorded in detail in the reports of its meetings, it is only necessary for the purpose of the present report to restate them briefly.

In 1869 Seth Winslow applied for the degrees to John Abbot Lodge, Somerville, and was rejected. He afterwards made a similar application to Henry Price Lodge, of Charlestown, having removed to that city, and was twice rejected. He then applied to Carroll Lodge, Freedom, New Hampshire, and then by dispensation received the degrees of Freemasonry in one evening. The action of Carroll Lodge in this case has been fully investigated by this Grand Lodge, and it has been settled to be irregular, and Seth Winslow has therefore been debarred from the privileges of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

This case first came before this Grand Lodge, on December 28, 1869, and these facts may be found in a report of the committee on page 167 of the Proceedings of that year. This report was referred to another committee, whose report was made September 14, 1870, and is on page 154 of the Proceedings of that year. In this last report the committee, of which R.W. Bro. Charles R. Train was chairman, reported in favor of healing Seth Winslow, and this Grand Lodge adopted that recommendation, and referred the matter with full powers to the Grand Master.

At the meeting of the Grand Lodge, on December 27, 1870, the Grand Master reported that he had declined to act in the matter until a conclusion had been reached in the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, upon the complaint which he had made to that Grand Lodge.

It appears, therefore, that the petitioner has already had the favorable action of this Grand Lodge in his case, by the vote passed September 14, 1870, more than seven years since, and it further appears that there is no longer any reason for delay on account of the misunderstanding between the two Grand Lodges.

No reason has been presented to your committee for reversing the action of the Grand Lodge; but as the case is one of importance, and the unmasonic conduct of the parties connected with it has been brought prominently before this Grand Lodge, in the various proceedings arising out of it, your committee have given it careful attention. They notified the Lodges interested in the matter to appear at the hearing. John Abbot Lodge, which first rejected the petitioner, was not represented by its present officers, but the Master of the Lodge, at the time of the application, appeared and favored the petition. Henry Price Lodge appeared by two of its officers, and objected on the general ground that the petitioner had been rejected in that Lodge. No objection was made to the personal character of the petitioner, nor to his conduct since receiving the degrees.

The Masons who acted as the advisers of the petitioner at the time he received the degrees committed in his behalf various Masonic offences not necessary now to mention. It is sufficient to say that they have all been severely punished for the parts they severally took in the transaction. Your committee are satisfied that Seth Winslow himself was

ignorant of the wrongs that were done him by his friends; that he did not know that any offence against Masonic law was being committed on his account. In consequence of his misfortune in having dishonest advisers, he has suffered the penalty of practical suspension since the Grand Lodge voted to heal him in 1870.

In view, therefore, of the fact that the report of the committee of the Grand Lodge, on September 14, 1870, exonerated the petitioner from any intentional wrong, and the favorable action of the Grand Lodge on that report, and considering also the commendable patience of the petitioner since the passage of that vote, your committee see no reason for reversing that action or any reason for farther delay; they therefore recommend that the petitioner, Seth Winslow, be formally healed by the Grand Lodge.

EDWARD AVERY,
FREDERICK D. ELY,
SAMUEL WELLS,
Committee.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation that Seth Winslow be formally healed was adopted.

The Committee on By-Laws made report, which was accepted, and the recommendations were adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, March 13, 1878.

The Committee on By-Laws have examined the amendments submitted by UNION (Dorchester), MORNING STAR,

AURORA, QUINSIGAMOND, GREYLOCK, NORFOLK, HAMPDEN, and JERUSALEM LODGES, and find them in accord with the Grand Constitutions and Masonic usage, and recommend their approval. The amendments submitted by BETHANY LODGE are not accompanied by any documents or vote showing that they have been adopted by the Lodge. PIONEER LODGE submitted an amendment, but the committee were unable to ascertain what Section of Article II. the amendment applied to. Full codes from RISING STAR and MOUNT HERMON LODGES are recommended for approval, as amended by the committee. The full codes of SAINT GEORGE and MUMFORD RIVER LODGES, U.D., have no description of seal. When this is furnished, they are recommended for approval, as amended by the committee. The committee also recommend the approval of amendments submitted by BAALBEC LODGE, as changed by the committee.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM F. SALMON,
LUCIUS W. LOVELL,
THOMAS W. DAVIS,
Committee.

On motion of W. Bro. Henry J. Parker, five hundred dollars were appropriated for charitable purposes, to be disbursed by the Committee on Charity.

The Committee on Healing were granted further time on the petition of Charles H. Eaton for formal healing, and on the petition of C. G. Carr for restoration to the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

The following communication to the Grand Master, from Past Grand Master R.W. John T. Heard, was submitted to the Grand Lodge through the Recording Grand Secretary, and was referred to a committee consisting of R.W. Brothers William S. Gardner, Sereno D. Nickerson, Charles Levi Woodbury, Charles R. Train, and Tracy P. Cheever.

COMMUNICATION FROM R.W. JOHN T. HEARD, IN RELATION TO THE SEAL OF THE GRAND LODGE.

4 Louisburg Square, Boston, March, 1878.

To the Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts: —

Most Worshipful, — In 1857, at the Quarterly Communication for June of that year, the seal of this Grand Lodge, as it is at present, was adopted; and that which had been in use probably about a century and quarter was thereby superseded.

The change seems to have been made under a misapprehension of the meaning of the motto on the old seal, — Follow Reason. The committee to whom the matter of providing a new seal and banner had been referred, after speaking of the effaced condition of the seal then in use, with condemnation of it armorial characteristics, reported: —

"The motto was in still worse taste, 'Follow Reason.' How this came to be adopted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts our best Masonic antiquary cannot determine. It has no especial reference to the principles of the Order, nor to that diffused philanthropy which is its boast. It might serve for the anarchists of the French Revolution, but not for us."

It is apparent that the old seal was repudiated by the com-

mittee mainly because of its motto. The committee was in error in supposing that it was derived from the doctrines and sentiments which led to the French Revolution in the latter years of the last century. Its origin antedated that period by centuries.

"Follow Reason" is a literal translation of the French words, "Suivez Raison," the motto of the Viscounts Montague; the sixth of whom was the Grand Master of England, who, in 1733, gave Henry Price powers to organize Freemasonry on this continent. The fact that this Grand Lodge adopted the translation of the motto of Montague from French into English is sufficient to show the probability, almost certainty, that at a very early day, perhaps in 1733, the motto *Follow Reason* became that of the Provincial Grand Lodge of which Henry Price was the head.

In his address to the Grand Lodge, on the 27th of December, 1871, in referring to the motto of *Suivez Raison*, Grand Master Gardner renders it into English as *Follow Right*. According to the French dictionaries he had authority for doing so. A more free translation might give, *Follow in the path of duty*.

As to the antiquity of the French motto *Suivez Raison*, it is traced back to 1554, or more than two hundred years before the French Revolution referred to, or even the earlier causes which led to that event.

Cowdray House, in Sussex County, England, from the close of the fifteenth century to 1793, when it was destroyed by fire, was the residence of the Viscounts Montague. The ruins of the edifice denote that they are the remains of what was grand and imposing. Over what appears to have been the principal entrance to the court-yard, cut in stone, are the words, "SVYVEZ RAYSON," and were without doubt carved at the time the building was erected. This fact alone

sets aside the supposition that our old motto was derived from anarchical sentiments belonging to the reign of terror and license existing in France during the closing period of the eighteenth century.

As late as 1767, from the earliest time, the Viscounts Montague were Roman Catholics; would they have maintained a motto expressive of the sentiment which the committee of the Grand Lodge attached to it?

I trust that the Grand Lodge will inquire into the matter which I have presented, and if, in its judgment, the evidence warrants it, restore the old seal with the old motto.

I think it will not be out of place to state in this connection that the banner of the Grand Lodge, previous to 1857, was in size about three feet by two and a half feet. The material of which it was made was purple silk; its border was a fringe of yellow silk; in its centre were the arms and motto of the Grand Lodge.

The banner used after 1857 was much more costly than the other. It was larger. Its material was blue silk and its border gold fringe. The new arms and motto were painted on its centre.

Both of these banners were consumed by the fire of 1864, when so many things which we cherished were turned into ashes.

I am not unfriendly to changes in the laws, customs, and habits of general society, and am disposed to yield to them without much scrutiny if they promise good; but in Masonic matters I am more scrupulous, and would allow no change in them, whatever, that was not called for by the most urgent necessity. The sweeping act by which our old seal was made to give way to the new, took from us an emblem which had

been dear to several generations of our Brethren in Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. HEARD,

P.G.M.

The following proposed amendment to the Miscellaneous Regulations of the Grand Constitutions was submitted by R.W. Henry G. Fay, and was referred to R.W. Brothers Sereno D. Nickerson, Tracy P. Cheever, and William F. Salmon: —

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO GRAND CONSTITUTIONS.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, March 13, 1878.

All persons who have received only the degrees of E.A. or F.C., seeking admittance to a Lodge, shall furnish the Tyler with a card stating their name, the degree of Masonry to which they have attained, and the Lodge by which conferred, which card shall be sent to the W.M., and receive his approval, before such visitor shall be admitted.

The Recording Grand Secretary reported that the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Marshal were detained from this Communication of the Grand Lodge by illness.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in DUE FORM at twenty-five minutes

past three o'clock, P.M., with prayer by R.W. Rev. Charles H. Titus, and singing the following words: —

Eternal are thy mercies, LORD;
Eternal truth attends Thy WORD;
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Charles H. Titus,
Recording Grand Secretary.

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OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

JUNE 12, A.L. 5878.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, the twelfth day of June, A.L. 5878, A.D. 1878.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. CHARLES ALFRED WELCH . .	Grand Master.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN MCCLELLAN	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER . . .	*as* Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
R.W. HENRY G. FAY	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 1.
R.W. SELWIN Z. BOWMAN	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 2.
R.W. SETH C. AMES	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 3.
R.W. GEORGE J. TOWNSEND . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 4.

R.W. William C. Maxwell . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 5.
R.W. Thomas Leyland	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 6.
R.W. Solon W. Stevens	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 7.
R.W. John A. Hall	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 10.
R.W. Charles W. Moody . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 11.
R.W. William H. Phipps . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 12.
R.W. Frederick D. Ely	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 13.
R.W. Abraham G. Hart	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 14.
R.W. Russell Matthews	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 15.
R.W. Leavitt Bates	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 16.
R.W. John Viall	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 17.
R.W. Frank Morton	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 19.
W. Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D.D. .	Grand Chaplain.
W. F. Lyman Winship	Grand Marshal.
W. Thomas Waterman	Grand Lecturers.
W. J. Francis Lotts	
W. Marlborough Williams . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Thomas W. Davis	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. John M. Rodocanachi . . .	Senior Grand Steward.
W. James Mills	Junior Grand Stewards.
W. Henry N. Fisher	
W. Joseph Winsor	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. Z. L. Bicknell	Grand Standard-Bearer.
W. Henry J. Parker	Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. Solon W. Stevens . . .	*as* Grand Organist.
Bro. Frank E. Jones	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. William D. Coolidge . . .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. William Parkman	" " "
R.W. Charles C. Dame	" " "
R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson . . .	" " "
R.W. Percival L. Everett . . .	" " "
R.W. G. Washington Warren . .	" Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Joel Spalding	" Grand Warden.
R.W. William W. Baker	" " "
R.W. William Sutton	" " "
R.W. Samuel P. Oliver	" " "
R.W. William F. Salmon . . .	" " "
R.W. Samuel C. Lawrence . . .	" " "
R.W. Charles Kimball	" " "

R.W. Daniel W. Lawrence . . .	Past	Grand	Warden.
R.W. Isaac H. Wright	"	"	"
R.W. Wyzeman Marshall . . .	"	"	"
R.W. Ivory H. Pope	"	"	"
R.W. Elijah W. Burr	"	"	"
R.W. Tracy P. Cheever	"	"	"
R.W. Lucius W. Lovell	"	"	"
R.W. Edward Avery	"	"	"

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at two o'clock, P.M., with prayer by W. and Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D.D., Grand Chaplain, and singing.

The Grand Master stated that, in consequence of the illness of the Recording Grand Secretary, he had, previously to the assembling of the Grand Lodge, appointed R.W. Tracy P. Cheever as Recording Grand Secretary *pro tem.* for the day, in order that he might assist in the preparation of the business of the Communication, as well as act at the Communication itself; that the Grand Lodge had the right, however, to elect a Recording Grand Secretary *pro tem.*, in which case the Brother appointed by him would cease to act. The Grand Master then administered the Masonic obligation to the Grand Secretary *pro tem.*, and no disposition being shown on the part of the Grand Lodge or any of its members to proceed to the election of a Grand Secretary *pro tem.*, the Grand Master proceeded with the business of the Communication.

The record of the Quarterly Communication in March last was approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

The records of the Special Communications, of April 16, 1878, at Brockton, for the purpose of constituting St. George Lodge and installing its officers; of April 26, 1878, at Worcester, for the purpose of visiting Quinsigamond Lodge and witnessing an exhibition of the work of the third degree; and of May 4, 1878, at Boston, for the purpose of constituting Mumford River Lodge, of East Douglas, and installing its officers, were read and approved.

By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws: —

FULL CODE.

PLYMOUTH, Plymouth.

AMENDMENTS.

CRESCENT, Pittsfield.
PURITAN, South Abington.
BELCHER, Chicopee Falls.
SAINT PAUL'S, South Boston.
BETHANY, Merrimac.
SAINT BERNARD, Southborough.
MOUNT MORIAH, Westfield.
PHŒNIX, Hanover.

MOUNT LEBANON, Boston.
PIONEER, Somerset.
WILLIAM PARKMAN, Winchester.

Proxies were presented from

CHARLES C. DAME LODGE, Georgetown, in favor of BRO. SAMUEL F. MALBON.

SAINT BERNARD LODGE, Southborough, in favor of W. BRO. JOHN BLAIR.

MARTHA'S VINEYARD LODGE, Vineyard Haven, in favor of REV. BRO. DANIEL W. STEVENS.

MARINE LODGE, Falmouth, in favor of BRO. GEORGE W. FISH.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, Concord, in favor of R.W. BRO. EDWARD C. DAMON.

The Brethren were recognized accordingly.

A petition was presented from William C. Culver, which, after some explanatory remarks by the Grand Master, was referred to a committee, consisting of R.W. Bro. William Parkman, and W. Bros. William A. Hill and John O. Smith.

The roll of the Lodges was called, and the following one hundred and ten Lodges were found to be represented: —

ADELPHI.	BELCHER.	CHARLES C. DAME.
ALFRED BAYLIES.	BELMONT.	CHARLES H. TITUS.
ALPHA.	BETHANY.	COCHICHEWICK.
AMICABLE.	BETHESDA (Valparaiso).	COLUMBIAN.
AMITY.	BETH-HORON.	CONSTELLATION.
ANCIENT LANDMARK.	BLUE HILL.	CORINTHIAN.
ANCIENT YORK.	BRISTOL.	DALHOUSIE.
ARTISAN.	CHARLES A. WELCH.	DELTA.
ATHELSTAN.		DORIC.

Eliot.
Eureka.
Ezekiel Bates.
Faith.
Fellowship.
Fraternal.
Fraternity.
Gate of the Temple.
Grecian.
Hammatt.
Hampden.
Hyde Park.
Ionic (Taunton).
Ionic (Easthampton).
Isaac Parker.
James Otis.
John Cutler.
John Hancock.
John T. Heard.
Jordan.
Joseph Warren.
Joseph Webb.
Kilwinning.
King Cyrus.
King David.
King Solomon.
Lafayette (Boston Highlands).
Marine.
May Flower.
Merrimack.
Monitor.
Montacute.
Montgomery.
Morning Star.
Mount Carmel.
Mount Horeb (Woburn).
Mount Lebanon.
Mount Olivet.
Mount Tabor.
Mount Vernon.
Norfolk.
Old Colony.
Orient.
Orphan's Hope.
Palestine.
Paul Dean.
Paul Revere.
Pentucket.
Pequossette.
Pilgrim.
Pioneer.
Plymouth.
Puritan.
Putnam.
Quinsigamond.
Rabboni.
Revere.
Rising Star.
Robert Lash.
Roswell Lee.
Saint Alban's.
Saint Bernard.
Saint George.
Saint John's (Boston).
Saint Paul (Ayer).
Saint Paul's (South Boston).
Siloam.
Simon W. Robinson.
Solomon's Temple.
Star in the East.
Star of Bethlehem.
Starr King.
Temple.
Trinity.
Tyrian.
Union (Nantucket).
Union (Dorchester).
Washington.
William North.
William Parkman.
William Sutton.
Winslow Lewis.
Wyoming.
Zetland.

The Committee on Healing submitted the following report: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALING ON THE PETITION OF CHARLES H. EATON.

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, June 12, 1878.

The committee to whom was referred the petition for formal healing of Charles H. Eaton have attended to the duty assigned them, and respectfully submit the following report: —

At the hearing before the committee, the following facts were presented: —

Mr. Eaton applied for and received the degrees in Masonry from St. Paul's Lodge, South Boston, November 2, 1869. In his application he stated that he had before applied; that his residence was Old Harbor street, which your committee were informed was in Boston; that before applying to St. Paul's Lodge, Mr. Eaton had applied for the degrees to Harmony Lodge, No. 38, Hillsboro', N.H., and was rejected; that he was recommended to St. Paul's Lodge by a paper signed by the W.M., S.W., Sec., S. and J.D., and five other members of Harmony Lodge; that he was at the time he applied to Harmony Lodge a citizen of Antrim, N.H.; that he has ever since retained his citizenship in that town, and has never become a citizen of Massachusetts; that no application was made to the M.W. Grand Master of New Hampshire for his approval or assent to St. Paul's Lodge conferring the degrees.

Upon these facts it seems apparent to your committee that Mr. Eaton is still under the jurisdiction of the M.W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, and that it would be an act of discourtesy, to say the least, for this Grand Lodge to grant the prayer of his petition, without calling the attention of the M.W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire to the facts in his case.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that the whole subject be referred to the M.W. Grand Master for such action as he may deem advisable.

EDWARD AVERY,
FREDERICK D. ELY,
SAMUEL WELLS,
Committee.

The report was accepted, and the recommenda-

tion that the matter be referred to the Grand Master for his action was adopted.

The Committee on Healing were granted further time on the petition of C. G. Carr, for restoration to the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, June 12, 1878.

The Committee on By-Laws have examined the several amendments and one full code submitted, and report: —

That the amendments submitted by

CRESCENT LODGE, Pittsfield,
PURITAN LODGE, South Abington,
SAINT PAUL'S LODGE, South Boston,
MOUNT MORIAH LODGE, Westfield,
PHŒNIX LODGE, Hanover,
WILLIAM PARKMAN LODGE, Winchester,

are all correct, and their approval is recommended.

In the amendments presented by MOUNT LEBANON LODGE. Boston, and SAINT BERNARD LODGE, Southborough, the committee have made slight changes, and, as amended by the committee, their approval is recommended.

In the full code submitted by PLYMOUTH LODGE, Plymouth, a few slight changes have also been made by the committee; and, as amended, the code is recommended for approval, when a description of the seal is furnished.

The amendments submitted at the last meeting by PIONEER LODGE, Somerset, and BETHANY LODGE, Merrimac, on which

the committee asked further time, are now recommended for approval.

We ask for further time on the amendments from BELCHER LODGE, Chicopee Falls.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM F. SALMON,
LUCIUS W. LOVELL,
THOMAS W. DAVIS,
Committee.

The report was accepted, and the recommendations were adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the petition for recognition from the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, made the following report: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, June 12, 1878.

The committee to whom were referred the Proceedings of a Convention of Lodges, for the formation of a Grand Lodge in New South Wales, with a request for recognition by this Grand Lodge, would respectfully report, that an official communication has been transmitted to your committee from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, remonstrating against the recognition of the new organization, and calling attention to the fact that a great majority of the Lodges in New South Wales decline allegiance to it. In the hope that the Brethren of that Province may be able to settle this question among themselves, and as a matter of courtesy to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, your committee

would recommend that action upon this subject be postponed until our next Quarterly Communication.

Respectfully submitted,

SERENO D. NICKERSON,
SAMUEL P. OLIVER,
HENRY ENDICOTT,
Committee.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation that the matter be postponed to the next Quarterly Communication was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the proposed amendment to the Miscellaneous Regulations of the Grand Constitutions submitted the following report: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENT TO GRAND CONSTITUTIONS.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, June 12, 1878.

The committee to whom was referred the addition to the Miscellaneous Regulations of this Grand Lodge, proposed at the Quarterly Communication in March last, have duly considered the subject and beg leave to report.

The proposed regulation is as follows: "All persons who have received only the degrees of E.A. and F.C., seeking admittance to a Lodge, shall furnish the Tyler with a card stating their name, the degree of Masonry to which they have attained, and the Lodge by which conferred, which card shall be sent to the W.M., and receive his approval before such visitor shall be admitted."

Waiving any criticism upon the form of the amendment, the committee feel constrained to object to its substance. It proposes to deal with a matter of detail which is within the province of the Master, and should be left to his discretion. It is in the power of any Master to make such a rule for his own Lodge if he thinks it expedient; but your committee cannot recommend that it be made absolute and universal. Such action would seem to be an unnecessary interference with the government of Lodges and the rights and privileges of Masters, and would swell our printed rules and regulations to no purpose.

Your committee are, therefore, of opinion that the proposed amendment ought not to pass.

Respectfully submitted,

SERENO D. NICKERSON,
TRACY P. CHEEVER,
WILLIAM F. SALMON,
Committee.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation that the amendment ought not to pass was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred at the last Quarterly Communication, a document from R.W. John T. Heard, in reference to a change of the Seal of the Grand Lodge, were granted further time.

R.W. Tracy P. Cheever, President of the Board of Trial Commissioners, submitted the following reports: —

REPORT ON CASE OF C. M. KENDALL.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,
June 12, 1878.

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS OF TRIALS.

ERASTUS STEBBINS, COMPLAINANT, *vs.* C. M. KENDALL.

This complaint charged the respondent, a member of Chicopee Lodge, with the crime of adultery, alleged in five specifications, covering days between May 15 and June 16, 1877, at Chicopee. Prior to the filing of the complaint, the respondent, while retaining his membership in Chicopee Lodge, had removed his residence to New Haven, Conn., and, under the provisions of the Constitutions, was entitled to sixty days' notice of the pendency of the charges. Service having being duly made, and the return thereof having been made in accordance with the regulations of the Commissioners, the complaint came on for a hearing, in the absence of the respondent, who was defaulted.

Upon the testimony, it appeared, that the respondent had formerly occupied a prominent position in the community in which he lived. It also appeared, with great clearness and beyond any reasonable doubt, that he committed the acts charged against him in the several specifications of the complaint, in manner and form as therein alleged. He was accordingly adjudged *guilty*, and sentenced to expulsion from the rights and benefits of Masonry.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
President of Commissioners of Trials.

The report was accepted, and the finding and

sentence approved, whereby C. M. Kendall, of Chicopee Lodge, of Chicopee, is expelled from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

REPORT ON CASE OF SHELDON C. CLARK.

In Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,
Quarterly Communication,
June 12, 1878.

BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS OF TRIALS.

Charles A. Cole, Complainant, *vs.* Sheldon C. Clark.

This was a complaint charging the respondent with unmasonic conduct, according to the following specification, viz.: "That said Sheldon C. Clark, on the 1st day of January, A.D. 1878, at Boston, in said Commonwealth, he being then in arrears to said Lodge (Satuit Lodge, in the town of Scituate) in the sum of five dollars, did, with the intent to defraud the said Lodge of the said sum as dues, falsely pretend that he could not give his support to the Institution of Freemasonry, because said Institution is narrow in its brotherhood, antiquated in its religious principles, and barren of moral results in the world; and refused and still refuses and neglects to pay the said dues or any part thereof."

The first question arising under this complaint is, whether the acts charged, if properly substantiated in evidence, constitute a Masonic offence in this Commonwealth. During the progress of the great persecution of the Masonic Fraternity, which had its origin in the so-called Morgan troubles, and which raged with greater or less violence for about fifteen years, the attention of this Grand Lodge was often directed to the withdrawal from the Fraternity of many who, influenced by fear of social or political

consequences, by the hopes which an apostasy from a temporarily unpopular Institution might inspire, or by the still lower motives of personal cowardice or indifference, abandoned their once cherished principles and proved false to their most solemn vows. How to deal with these deserters, who chose for the time of their exit the day of our affliction and misfortune, was the problem presented to our predecessors of the last generation. Nothing could be clearer to their apprehension than that the obligations of Masonry, voluntarily assumed by the initiate, are of permanent and abiding force. The ancient maxim of the Craft, "Once a Mason, always a Mason," is only a terse expression of the truth that the obligations, as well as the rights and privileges of Masonry, when once assumed or acquired, remain with the individual and become, indeed, almost a part of his personality. And though by misconduct he may forfeit what to him may be the advantageous part of the relation, to wit, its rights and privileges, yet he can never divest himself of the responsibilities, especially the moral responsibilities, which have attached to that relation, during his own life and the life of the Institution. But, although this was the conclusion of our predecessors, the exigencies of the period seemed to require them to hold that a renouncing Mason might be permitted, if he no longer felt an interest in our Institution, to absent himself from the meetings of his Lodge, to abstain from any public or practical identification with the Fraternity, and in fact to withdraw from it, quietly and without ostentation, subject always to the continuance of his responsibility to all the moral requirements and obligations of Masonry. Inasmuch as he had won from the Institution its secrets, its ritual, and its symbolism, of which he could not be dispossessed in case of withdrawal, the Institution was entitled, on its part, to hold him to all his moral duties, as a reasonable offset. Accordingly we

find in the works of our late accomplished and eminent Brother, R.W. Charles W. Moore, the enunciation of the doctrine of the Grand Lodge in such cases, in this form: —

"A renouncing Mason is, nevertheless, a Mason. If he breaks his Masonic obligations he may be dealt with as other Masons. Non-attendance at Lodge meetings will not justify expulsion, and this is the only offence he commits in quietly withdrawing from the Institution."[1]

Throughout the dark days of Masonry in this Commonwealth, the Grand Lodge seems thus to have dealt practically with this subject of renunciation. If the renouncer withdrew without noise and observation, it recognized his right of withdrawal, and simply held him thereafter to his general Masonic obligations; and it may be assumed that this is the settled law of this jurisdiction. To maintain a contrary doctrine would be difficult, if not impossible, in practice.

The complaint, in the present case, does not, however, proceed against the respondent by reason of a withdrawal or a renunciation. On the contrary, it involves the proposition that he has *not* withdrawn and has *not* renounced, but has falsely and fraudulently pretended to renounce the principles of Masonry, to evade the performance of one of its most simple duties, the payment of Lodge dues. While a sincere renunciation, a withdrawal from the Fraternity from an honest change of opinion regarding its principles, or its moral value or importance, may properly be treated by the Grand Lodge and by the whole Fraternity in the manner already indicated, a *false* renunciation, a *pretended* change of opinions concerning Masonry, set up by a Mason simply to evade a clear duty of Masonry, can by no means be thus treated. Such an act is as clear a Masonic

[1] "Freemason's Monthly Magazine," vol. 6, p. 4.

offence as though it had been specially designated as such in the Constitutions or edicts of the Grand Lodge. If it were tolerated or could be committed with impunity, the very existence of the Fraternity would be impossible, and although the question in *form* is perhaps a new one in this jurisdiction, because the offence is one not likely to be committed, the Commissioners desire to express their convictions, in respect to the law affecting it, with emphasis. Surely if conduct like that charged in the specification of this complaint be held to be no offence against Masonry, thoughtful Masons will be likely to regard the post of honor and of safety as upon the outside rather than the inside of our Fraternity, and *renouncing* Masons would soon outnumber the *adherents*.

Under the present complaint the respondent, a member of Satuit Lodge, was duly summoned to appear and answer the charge preferred against him. The service and the return thereof were in conformity to the Constitutions and the regulations of the Commissioners. The respondent did not appear, but sent a letter to the President of the Commissioners, excusing himself from attendance to answer the charge. Upon the testimony it appeared that the respondent was a clergyman, settled in the town of Scituate, who had taken the first degree in Masonry in a Lodge in Iowa. He expressed a strong desire and took great pains to receive the second and third degrees in Satuit Lodge. His desire was favorably responded to by the Brethren of that Lodge, who conferred upon him those degrees without the usual fees. In fact he did not pay for the degrees, for his diploma, or the fee for membership in the Lodge. Upon his reception as a member, and until his removal from the town, in May, 1877, he acted as Chaplain of the Lodge. During the entire term of his residence in Scituate, after he became a member of the Lodge, he was in the habit of conversing frankly and

openly with the W.M., Wardens, and other officers and members, in regard to the general subject of Masonry, its principles, and the moral force and beauty of its ritual. In all these conversations, and in his professional services in the Lodge, he appeared to hold the Fraternity in very high esteem, and to regard its principles as solid and valuable. Up to the date of his removal from Scituate he was never heard to have spoken otherwise than favorably of the Institution, and the first intimation of hostile sentiment on his part was in the form of a letter sent by him to the Secretary of the Lodge, in reply to one demanding the payment of dues which were in arrears. This letter, which forms a part of the record, marked A, contained the language of renunciation alleged in the specification, and came like a shock upon the members of the Lodge. It was followed by another letter, marked B, which disclosed a different reason for the non-payment of his dues, and which seems to have fully satisfied the members of the respondent's want of good faith and evasive intent in the matter. The well-known and often expressed sentiments of the respondent concerning Masonry, the absence of any unpleasant or unfavorable feeling toward him by the Lodge, his anxiety in regard to receiving the degrees and the liberality of the Lodge in these respects toward him, the letters before referred to, — all the circumstances of his connection as a member, and the absence of any fact, circumstance, or feeling which could account for so sudden a conversion, or for any honest renunciation of Masonry, — sufficed to make the inference of fraud and evasion, as claimed in the specification, almost irresistible. The respondent, in whose power alone it lay, by his appearance at the hearing and the offer of his own testimony, to verify the sincerity of his opinions and to negative entirely the accusation of falsehood and fraud, did not think it worth while thus to appear. Upon the whole evidence the

Commissioners adjudged the respondent to be guilty of the charge and accusation, and, in consideration of his offence, he is sentenced to be suspended indefinitely from the rights and privileges of Masonry.

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
President of the Commissioners of Trials.

The report was accepted, and the finding and sentence approved, whereby Sheldon C. Clark, of Satuit Lodge, Scituate, was indefinitely suspended from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

The following proposed Amendments to the Grand Constitutions were presented by R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, and were referred to the Committee on a Masonic Digest.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

CHANGES IN SUBSTANCE.

In Part 3, Art. 5, page 30 of Printed Constitutions of 1876, strike out Sect. 2, and insert the following: "Sect. 2. Whenever the Grand Lodge shall restore to the rights and privileges of Masonry an expelled or suspended Brother he shall not thereby be restored to membership within the Lodge of which he was a member, without its unanimous consent."

In Part 3, Art. 7, page 33, Sect. 2, strike out the word *should*, wherever it occurs, and insert the word *shall*.

In Standing Votes, Resolutions, etc., strike out the first vote on page 57, viz.: "*Voted*, That the Recording Grand Secretary," etc.

On page 58, strike out the first three votes, and insert the following: —

"*Ordered*, That whenever the Grand Officers shall be invited to visit a Lodge, either for the purpose of inspecting its work, uniting with it in the celebration of any historical or Masonic anniversary, installing its officers, or dedicating new Masonic halls or apartments, the entire expense of such visit shall be borne by the subordinate Lodge; and that in the constitution of new Lodges, the travelling expenses *only* of the Grand Officers shall be borne by the Grand Lodge; *provided*, *however*, that in case of a visit for either of the aforesaid purposes, the Grand Lodge will pay the travelling expenses of its own officers, whenever, in the opinion of the Grand Master, the subordinate Lodge shall be unable to bear them."

On page 59, strike out, "*Voted*, That the vote now in force," etc.

Also the following alterations and changes of *form*, affecting only the phraseology or grammatical construction of the Constitutions, or striking out merely declarative or argumentative matter, viz.: —

In Part 1, Art. 1, Sect. 1, page 6, strike out in first line the word *that*.

In Sect. 2 strike out the *second* sentence; in second line of the third sentence strike out the word *thereafter* and insert the words *or Communication;* in second line of the fourth sentence, strike out the word *Meeting* and insert the words *or Communication;* in the second line of the fifth sentence strike out the word *who* and insert the word *and;* in the first line of the eighth sentence (page 7) strike out *to* and insert *shall;* in second line of same sentence strike out *they* and insert *it;* in third line of same sentence strike out *to* and insert *shall;* in second line of the ninth sentence strike out the words *do and*.

Page 8, Art. 3, in title of Article, strike out *Meeting* and insert *Communication.*

In Sect. 1, fourth line, strike out *there shall also be;* in fifth line, after the word *Communication*, insert *shall also be.*

In Sect. 2, first line, strike out *Meetings* and insert *Communications;* in third and fourth lines, strike out *such publication to be;* in fifth line strike out *Meetings* and insert *Communications.*

Art. 4, Sect. 1, in first line, after the word *By* insert *virtue of.*

Page 9, Art. 4, Sect. 1, eighth line on this page, strike out *this* and insert *the;* in Sect. 2, eighth line, insert after *expelling* the words *or suspending;* in same line, strike out *Craft* and insert *rights and privileges of Masonry.*

Page 10, add to Sect. 2, Art. 6, Part 1, the following, viz.: —

"In case of the death, resignation, declination, or disability of the Grand Treasurer or Recording Grand Secretary, the Grand Master may appoint and qualify a suitable Brother to act in the office thus vacated, until an election by the Grand Lodge."

Page 10, Art. 6, Sect. 3, line first, insert after the word *Grand Master*, the words *and Grand Wardens;* also after the word *eligible*, the words *to their respective offices;* in fifth line strike out *he* and insert *they.*

Strike out Sect. 4.

Art. 7, Sect. 1, strike out in first and second lines the words *elected and appointed.*

Page 12, Art. 7, Sect. 3, in fifth line strike out the words, *case of;* in Sect. 5, first line, strike out *elected or appointed.*

Page 13, Art. 8, Sect. 1, in first line insert after *enjoys* the words *ex officio;* in fifth line strike out *their* and insert *its;* in sixth line, strike out *their* and insert *its.*

In Sect. 2, sixth line, strike out *from sickness or other cause;* in eighth line strike out *Meetings* and insert *Communications.*

Page 14, Art. 8, Sect. 4, line first, strike out *are to* and insert *shall;* also same alteration in second, third, and fourth lines. Sect. 5, line first, strike out *Junior* and insert *Senior;* also at the end of first sentence, add the following: "In the absence of the Junior Grand Warden, the Junior Past Grand Warden present shall wear his jewel." Sect. 6, seventh line, strike out *is to* and insert *shall;* in ninth line, strike out *Brother who is a.*

Page 15, Art. 8, Sect. 7, tenth line, strike out *and;* in thirteenth line, after the word *directors* insert *and;* in Sect. 8, line seventh, strike out *Meetings* and insert *Communications.*

Page 16, Art. 8, Sect. 8, third line, strike out *and;* in fourth line, after *committees* insert *and produce* and strike out *with;* in fifth line, after *and* insert *shall;* in eleventh line, strike out *shall be directed;* in twelfth line, after *Grand Master* insert *shall direct*, and after *and* insert *of;* in Sect. 9, fifth line, insert after *all*, *such.*

Page 17, Art. 8, Sect. 9, first and second lines, strike out, *of the Grand Lodge.* Sect. 10, line thirteen, strike out *their remarks* and insert *comments;* in line fourteen, strike out *their* and insert *such.*

Page 18, Art. 8, Sect. 10, strike out the whole of the seventh line, and insert *his successor.*

Page 18, Art. 8, Sect. 11, first line, strike out *there shall be;* in same line insert after Chaplain *shall be;* in third line strike out the words *Quarterly and;* in fourth line strike out *other meetings.* In Sect. 12, second line, after *opened* insert *shall;* in fifth line strike out *he.* In Sect. 13, first line, strike out *are to* and insert *shall.* In Sect. 14, first line, strike out *there shall be* and insert after *Stewards*, *shall be.*

Page 19, Art. 8, Sect. 14, line first, strike out *he;* second line strike out *shall* and insert *and.* In Sect. 16, first line, strike out *there shall be*, and insert after *Pursuivants*, *shall be;* in third line strike out *it shall be their duty to* and in place thereof insert *under the direction of the Grand Marshal they shall.* In fourth line insert after *admission*, *seating and proper clothing;* also, strike out the last clause of the sentence, viz., *To see that they appear*, etc. In Sect. 17, second line, strike out *whose duty it shall be to* and insert *who shall;* in eighth line strike out *it* and insert *they*, and in same line strike out *be their duty to;* in tenth line strike out *be made to.*

Page 20, Art. 8, Sect. 17, second line, strike out *they;* in third line strike out *and as;* in third line strike out *often as.* In Sect. 19, first line, strike out *is to* and insert *shall.*

Page 21, Part 2, Art. 1, Sect. 1, first line, strike out *by* and insert *be.* Sect. 2, third line, strike out *and said* and insert *which.*

Page 22, Part 3, Gen. Reg., Art. 1, Sect. 1, fourth line, strike out *whose duty it shall be to* and insert *who shall.*

Page 23, Sect. 2, fourth line, insert after *at* the words *its Quarterly Communication next prior to.*

Page 24, Art. 3, Sect. 1, in first sentence strike out the following words, viz., *whether or not with the intention of being resumed at a future period.*

Page 25, Art. 3, Sect. 1, strike out, in sixth line, *it shall be the duty of* and *to* and insert after *petitioners*, *therefore shall.* In ninth line strike out *the* and insert *such.* In Sect. 2, ninth line, strike out *Freemasonry*, and insert *Masonry.* In Sect. 3, in first and second lines, strike out *it shall be found necessary to suspend or cancel;* in third line after *jurisdiction* insert *shall be suspended or cancelled.* In Sect. 4, fourth line, after *rights* insert *and privileges.*

Page 26, Art. 4, Sect. 1, seventh line from bottom of page, strike out *then.*

Page 28, Art. 1, Sect. 1, 4th rule, first and second lines, strike out *whatever may be the result thereof;* in twelfth line strike out *will* and insert *may.*

Page 29, Art. 4, Sect. 4, second and third lines, strike out *a Lodge of Master Masons or.*

Page 30, Art. 6, Sect. 2, third and fourth lines, strike out *this, however, is not intended to militate against the right of;* in fourth line insert *but* before *the;* also strike out *to* and insert *way.*

Page 32, Art. 7, Sect. 1, 2d rule, first and second lines, strike out *Master, Deputy Grand Master and Senior and Junior Grand Wardens* and insert *Officers.*

Page 33, Art. 7, Sect. 3, first line, strike out *on any pretence.*

Page 34, Art. 8, Sect. 3, fifth and sixth lines, strike out *or by the Lodge granting its sanction* and insert *or by either of the petitioning Lodges.*

Page 36, Part 4, Art. 1, Sect. 2, fourth line, strike out *it shall be the duty of;* in seventh line strike out *to* and insert *shall.*

Page 37, Art. 1, Sect. 3, fifth and sixth lines, strike out *they shall be furnished with,* and add, after the word *blanks* in sixth line, *shall be furnished.* Sect. 4, first line, strike out *should* and insert *if,* and after *Lodge* insert *shall;* in fifth line strike out *Meeting* and insert *Communication;* in sixth line strike out *should* and insert *if;* also, after *delinquency* insert *shall.* Sect. 5, eighth line, strike out *Meetings* and insert *Communications.*

Page 38, Art. 1, Sect. 5, at the end of section, strike out *for the time being;* in Sect. 7, seventh line, strike out *Constitutions* or and insert *charter and;* in eighth line strike out *rest of the.* Sect. 8, last line on page, strike out *notified* and insert *reported.*

Page 38, Sect. 8, strike out in second and third lines the words *or to produce the charter, books, papers, or accounts of their Lodge*, and insert the same words after the word *Lodge*, in the sixth line.

Page 39, Art. 1, Sect. 9, line first, strike out *are particularly bound to* and insert *shall.* Strike out the second sentence, "Every deviation," etc. In fifth line strike out *this* and add after *uniformity* the words *in work;* in seventh line strike out *should* and insert *shall;* in eighth line strike out *it shall be the duty of;* in ninth line strike out *to* and insert *shall.* Sect. 10, third line, strike out *by them.*

Art. 2, Sect. 1, first line, strike out *it is the duty of* and *to.*

Page 40, Art. 2, Sect. 1, second line, strike out *them* and insert *it;* in fifth line strike out *when* and insert *in the absence of;* also, strike out *and* after *Master* and insert *or one of the;* in sixth and seventh lines strike out *shall not either of them be present.* Sect. 2, fifth line, strike out *is to* and insert *shall.*

Page 42, Art. 3, Sect. 1, second line, strike out *Meeting* and insert *Communication;* also, same alteration in fourth line; in fifth line strike out *a* and insert *any;* also, strike out *in any event;* in twelfth line strike out *Meetings* and insert *Communications.* Sect. 4, strike out all the first nine lines of the section and insert *if the physical;* also, in tenth line, insert after *deformity, of any applicant for the degrees;* in twelfth line insert after *it, shall,* and after *to, his.* Sect. 5, fourth line, strike out *then;* in fifth line strike out *it shall be the duty of;* also strike out *to* and insert *shall.*

Page 45, Art. 3, Sect. 7, third line, strike out *it shall;* fourth line strike out *be the duty of;* also, strike out *to* and insert *shall.*

Page 48, Part 5, Mis. Reg., Sect. 7, first line, strike out *can* and insert *shall.* Sect. 8, second line, strike out *under any cir-*

cumstances. Sect. 9, first line, strike out *it shall not be permitted to introduce* and insert *No;* in second line after *topics* insert *shall be introduced.* Sect. 11, first line, strike out *has* and insert *shall have;* in second line strike out *it is his duty to* and insert *shall.*

Page 48, Sect. 10, first line, strike out *a* and insert *every;* same line strike out *ought to* and insert *shall;* in second line strike out *with propriety adjourn* and insert *close;* in third line strike out *summer.*

Page 49, Mis. Reg., Sect. 11, first line, strike out *it must be* and insert *and is.* Sect. 12, second line, strike out *has a* and insert *shall have the.* Sect. 14, second line, strike out *does* and insert *shall.* Sect. 16, first line, strike out *can* and insert *shall.* Sect. 17, first line, strike out *ought to* and insert *shall.* Sect. 18, strike out the entire section. Sect. 19, first line, strike out *it shall not be legal for any* and insert *no;* also, strike out *to* and insert *shall.*

Page 51, Part 6, Rule 4, first line, strike out *are to* and insert *shall.*

Page 52, Rule 8, second line, insert *or* after *commit;* in third line strike out *or adjourn.*

Page 54, Definition 6th, fifth line, strike out *unless* and insert *until.*

Page 55, fifteenth line, strike out *Meeting* and insert *Communication.*

Page 57, Standing Votes, &c., Second Order, fifth line, strike out *Meetings* and insert *Communications.*

Page 58, eighth line from bottom of page, strike out *Meetings* and insert *Communications.*

The Recording Grand Secretary *pro tem.* presented communications from the Grand Lodges of

England, Ireland, and Egypt, in reference to the action of the Grand Orient of France, in striking from its Constitution the requirement of a belief in God and the immortality of the soul, and they were referred to a committee, consisting of R.W. Bros. Henry Chickering, Charles Levi Woodbury, and W. Bro. Hasket Derby.

The committee appointed to prepare a Masonic Digest for the use of the Craft in this Jurisdiction reported progress.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM at twenty-five minutes past four o'clock, P.M., with prayer by W. Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D.D., Grand Chaplain, and singing.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

TEACY P. CHEEVER,
Recording Grand Secretary pro tem.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST'S DAY,

JUNE 24, A.L. 5878.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held in the City of Worcester, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of June, A.L. 5878, A.D. 1878, for the purpose of participating in the services attending the transfer of the remains of the late ISAIAH THOMAS, PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, to Rural Cemetery, under the direction of the municipal authorities of the City of Worcester, and in accordance with an invitation of the civic authorities, which was accepted by the Grand Master.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. CHARLES A. WELCH . . .	Grand Master.
R.W. ABRAHAM A. HOWLAND, JR.	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN MCCLELLAN	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER . . .	Recording Grand Sec'y *pro tem.*
R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY . . .	D.D.G. Master, District No. 11.
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER . .	*as* Grand Chaplain.
W. F. LYMAN WINSHIP	Grand Marshal.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI . . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. HENRY J. PARKER . . .	*as* Grand Sword Bearer.
BRO. FRANK E. JONES	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge assembled in a commodious apartment of the Railroad Station at Worcester, and was opened in AMPLE FORM at five minutes past ten o'clock, A.M. The Grand Master appointed R.W. Tracy P. Cheever as Recording Grand Secretary for the day, and administered to him the official obligation. At fifteen minutes past ten o'clock the Brethren of the Grand Lodge were conducted to carriages by the Grand Marshal, the rear carriage being occupied by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Wardens. A procession was then formed, in which were included the Hon. Benj. F. Thomas and family, with other surviving relatives of Past Grand Master Thomas, Hon. Geo. F. Hoar, Senator, and the Hon. W. W. Rice, Representative in Congress, His Honor, Bro. Charles B. Pratt, Mayor of the City of Worcester, the members of the City Council, and of the departments of the City Government, the Antiquarian Society, members of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, the Franklin Typographical Society, and other civic associations, together with many invited guests of distinction. The civic portion of the procession was preceded by Morning Star Lodge of Worcester, of which Isaiah Thomas was the first Worshipful Master, under the following officers, viz.:

Albert J. Stone, W.M., Edwin S. Pike, S.W., Henry A. Southwick, J.W., accompanied by members of Montacute Lodge, Athelston Lodge, Quinsigamond Lodge, and visiting Brethren; Eureka Chapter of R.A. Masons, W. A. Farnsworth, M.E.H.P.; Worcester Chapter, Thomas Talbot, M.E.H.P. Then followed R.E. Sir John Dean, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and the representatives of the Grand Chapter of R.A. Masons of Massachusetts, M.E. Alfred A. Chapman, P.G.H.P., and E. Zephaniah Thomas, Jr., Grand Secretary. To these succeeded the M.W. Grand Master and the Officers of the Grand Lodge, the column being under the escort of the Worcester County Commandery of Knights Templars, Eminent Sir David F. Parker, Commander, numbering one hundred and seven Sir Knights, and accompanied by the Worcester Brass Band. The pall-bearers for the occasion were, with the exception of the representative from Morning Star Lodge, the First Masters of their several Lodges, viz.: A. A. Richardson, P.M. Morning Star Lodge, W. A. Smith, P.M. Montacute Lodge, Samuel T. Bigelow, P.M. Athelstan Lodge, and A. C. Wadsworth, P.M. Quinsigamond Lodge. The Guard of Honor consisted of Sir

Knights F. H. Kelley, J. W. Jourdan, Charles G. Reed, Charles Belcher, G. J. Rugg, George W. Brady, Charles H. Fitch, and J. B. Lawrence.

The procession began to move at 10.45 o'clock, and after a short march arrived at Mechanic Hall, where the various Masonic and other bodies were gathered. The Grand Officers were furnished with eligible seats directly in front of the platform, upon which were seated the Mayor, City Committee, officers of various organizations, and the invited guests of distinction. After appropriate music, which was admirably rendered by the Masonic Chorus, under the direction of Bro. E. S. Nason, prayer was offered by Rev. Edward H. Hall, Pastor of the First Unitarian Church, of which Past Grand Master Thomas was a member. His Honor Mayor Pratt, after a preliminary address, introduced to the audience the several speakers, viz.: Hon. Stephen Salisbury, President of the American Antiquarian Society, Hon. John D. Baldwin, Editor of the "Worcester Spy," Mr. H. O. Houghton, of the Riverside Press, R.W. Marshall P. Wilder, President of the N.E. Genealogical Society, and Hon. Bro. Charles W. Slack, of the Boston "Commonwealth." The speakers severally dwelt upon the virtues and characteristics of the illustrious departed, giving emphasis to his

courage, enthusiasm, and generosity in the pursuit of the special aims and objects represented by the societies of which he was so distinguished and worthy a member, and to each of which he gave the best energies of a life which will ever be marked n the history of Worcester, and of the Commonwealth, as a type of our highest Massachusetts manhood, — one of the noblest growths of New England civilization.

At the close of the exercises in Mechanic Hall, the procession was reformed in the same order, and, under the same escort, marched through Main street to Rural Cemetery, where the ceremonies of our ritual, appropriate to such an occasion, were appropriately and mpressively performed.

Arriving at the family tomb the Brethren formed in front, the Grand Master, Acting Grand Chaplain, and other Grand Officers in the centre, supported by the Masonic bodies, and the relatives of the deceased, civic officials, and citizens at the foot.

ORDER OF THE FUNERAL CEREMONIES AT THE
RE-INTERMENT
OF
R.W. ISAIAH THOMAS,
Past Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts.
AT RURAL CEMETERY, WORCESTER,
JUNE 24th, 1878.
CONDUCTED BY M.W. CHARLES A. WELCH,
AND OFFICERS OF THE M.W. GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HYMN.

[*By the Masonic Quartette.*]

ADDRESS TO THE BRETHREN BY THE GRAND MASTER.

BRETHREN: — We have met to deposit in this beautiful resting-place of the dead, this silent human habitation, what remains of the mortal frame of one of the most remarkable of our Grand Masters. Members of the societies with which he was honorably connected, and of the occupations which he followed during his life, have to-day very impressively commemorated his important services to his country as a printer and publisher, as a writer, as an antiquary, as a patriot. This city, which he selected for his residence, has, through its officers and citizens, borne witness to the good influence which he exerted as a public-spirited member of its community, as a generous and liberal-hearted man, who waited not till death to dispense his charities, but willingly diminished during his life, for the public advantage, the wealth which he had accumulated by his own industry and ability. It remains for us, with whom he is united by the sacred tie of the Masonic Brotherhood, to show our respect for him as a man and a Mason, our grateful recollection of the services which he rendered us, and of the courage with which he supported our Institution in its day of trouble, by performing around this spot our solemn ceremonies, and thus to offer to his memory before the world the tribute of our Fraternal affection.

Brother Thomas was Master of Morning Star Lodge of this city in 1793, 1794, 1797, 1799, 1801, and 1802, and was Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts in the Masonic years commencing Dec. 27, 1802, Dec. 12, 1803, and Dec. 10, 1804.

The distinguished lawyer and advocate, Timothy Bigelow, was the first of these years Junior Grand Warden of the Grand

Lodge, and the two latter years Senior Grand Warden, and succeeded him as Grand Master. After Brother Bigelow had served three years Brother Thomas was again elected Grand Master, and served one year; and I find that during the four years in which he acted as Grand Master, his friend and fellow-antiquary, Thaddeus M. Harris, was the Corresponding Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge; Benjamin Russell, a fellow-printer and publisher, with whom he had also many other points of sympathy, was a member of the Grand Lodge; and during a part of the time the excellent and venerable Dr. Ripley, of Concord, as well as many others almost equally well known for their integrity and purity of character, were also members. Brother Thomas had previously to this, in 1792, written, printed, and published, in quarto, a history of Masonry, with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, a second edition of which was afterwards edited by his friend, Dr. Harris.

But this is an occasion on which we can but briefly allude to his services to our Fraternity. When, after an active and well-spent life, profitable alike to himself and the community in which he lived, at the ripe age of eighty-two and in the year 1831, his spirit was about to appear before the Grand Master of the Universe, he bore testimony in his characteristic manner to the excellence of the principles of our Fraternity; and I do not know that I can do better and show more clearly the estimation in which he was then held by the Masonic Fraternity than to read to you one of the resolutions which his Brethren of the Grand Lodge passed at the time: —

"*Resolved*, 4th, That in accepting the legacy bequeathed to us by our late Past Grand Master Thomas, and in taking charge of the Masonic Records which he has committed to our care, we renewedly pledge ourselves to sustain and extend, so far as in our power, the principles and forms of the Masonic

Institution, — an Institution which we know to be useful to its members and to the world, and which for many years enjoyed the active support and has now received the dying blessing of that patriotic and distinguished citizen and Mason."

Brethren, the life of Isaiah Thomas, with its hard and laborious commencement, its subsequent useful and prosperous course, and its happy ending, is full of instruction and encouragement. It shows us how the very difficulties, through which the young man may have to work his laborious path, may tend to strengthen the mind and form the character, may promote that sympathy with all classes of men, which, if united with natural good qualities, will make him a sympathizer and assistant to others in their hardships and difficulties, and give him a sufficient knowledge of the world to properly direct and govern that sympathy. But the qualities I most respect and love in the character of our Brother, as portrayed in the remarks to which I have listened to-day, and in the sketches of his life which I have read, are the Truth, Frankness, Independence of Thought and Language, which always seem to have characterized him,—qualities, I think, in some degree exhibited in his portrait in our Lodge-room in Boston, if one attentively examines it. It has been written of him, by one who has a natural right to resemble him in these very qualities, that such men, as far as public offices are concerned, are apt to find the post of honor in a private station. This meeting of Brother Thomas's fellow-citizens to do him honor nearly fifty years after his death; the sentiments uttered this day in behalf of so many different bodies of men; the filial respect and admiration with which we, his brother Masons, now assemble around his grave and perform our ceremonial rites, — quietly but decisively bear witness that without public station a good, upright, and able man may do great good to the community in which he lives;

may execute a great influence there, secure the permanent regard of his fellow-citizens, and leave a reputation of which his children's children, however distinguished, may be proud.

Knowing, then, what the character of our departed Brother was, we deposit these remains in this place of interment, without tears, without sadness, in the full confidence that, —

> "There is no death! What seems so is transition.
> This life of mortal breath
> Is but a suburb of the Life Elysian,
> Whose *portal* we call death."

INVOCATION BY THE ACTING GRAND CHAPLAIN AND BRETHREN.

Chaplain. — Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine eyes consider my calling.

Response. — For I am a stranger with thee, and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

Chaplain. — Oh, spare me a little, that I may recover my strength, before I go hence, and be no more seen.

Response. — Lord, thou hast been our dwelling-place to all generations.

Chaplain. — Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Response. — Thou turnest man to destruction, and sayest: Return, ye children of men.

Chaplain. — The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if, by reason of strength, they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off and we fly away.

Response. — So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

PRAYER BY THE ACTING GRAND CHAPLAIN WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER REPEATED BY THE BRETHREN.

HYMN.

RECOMMITMENT OF THE BODY.

THE PUBLIC HONORS AND WORDS AS IN THE RITUAL.

DEPOSITING THE APRON.

CHARGE TO THE BRETHREN BY THE GRAND MASTER.

BRETHREN: — Is this, then, the end of man, and the expiring hope of faithful Masons? No; blessed be God! We pause not at our first or second step, but, true to our principles, we look forward for greater light. These principles point beyond the silent tomb to the breaking light of a resurrection morn, and bid us turn an eye of faith and confidence on the opening scenes of eternity. They teach us to advance boldly onward, and ask more light, till, at the Supreme Grand Master's word, we shall be *raised* to the blissful Lodge above. There light, unmingled with darkness, shall reign, unbroken and perpetual. There, under the sunbeam smiles of immutable Love, and beneath the benignant beam of the All-Seeing Eye, we, as faithful Masons, cherish the fond and immortal hope that we shall meet again — meet to part no more.

HYMN.

THE GRAND MASTER. — Unto Him, the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

RESPONSE. — So mote it be!

DEPOSITING THE SPRIG OF ACACIA.

The tomb was then closed, and all that was mortal of our illustrious Past Grand Master was forever hidden from human sight.

At the close of these solemn services the officers of the Grand Lodge repaired in carriages to their apartments in the railroad station, where the Grand Lodge was closed at ten minutes before three o'clock, P. M., in AMPLE FORM.

Subsequently the Grand Officers were conducted to Masonic Hall and enjoyed a sumptuous collation which had been provided by the Brethren of Worcester. At the close of the banquet the Grand Master accepted for himself and his associate officers the hospitable invitation of E. Sir David F. Parker, Commander of the Worcester County Commandery of Knight Templars, to visit his mansion and receive his cordial and fraternal welcome. Accordingly, under escort of the Commandery, the Grand Officers were conducted to the pleasant home of the Knightly Brother, where the Grand Master was kindly received and welcomed by His Honor, Brother Pratt, Mayor of Worcester, in behalf of the city, and where several hours were spent in familiar and social intercourse with the Brethren and citizens of

Worcester. The kind hospitality of the host, the excellent music of the Worcester band, the admirable speeches of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the R.E. Grand Commander, and other Brethren, and the gracious smiles of the ladies, formed a fitting conclusion to the exercises of this memorable anniversary of our Patron, SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A true abstract from the Record.

Attest:

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Gift of

Charles H. Titus,

Boston.

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OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

LAYING THE CORNER-STONE OF THE TOWN-HALL IN HOLBROOK.

JULY 10, A.L. 5878.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS was held in the town of Holbrook, on Wednesday, the tenth day of July, A.D. 1878, A.L. 5878. The Grand Lodge was opened in an apartment of the railroad station, in DUE FORM, by the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, at ten minutes before three o'clock.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master was absent from the Commonwealth.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR., Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. FRANK MORTON . . . . Special Deputy Grand Master.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . *as* Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES . . . . Junior Grand Warden.

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men, according to the grand plan, in Peace, Harmony, and Brotherly Love.

The Special Deputy Grand Master received from the Grand Marshal the vessel of Corn, and, pouring the Corn upon the stone, said: —

May the health of the community which has commenced this undertaking be preserved, and may the Supreme Architect bless and prosper its labors.

The Grand Marshal presented the cup of Wine to the Senior Grand Warden, who poured the Wine upon the stone, saying: —

May plenty be vouchsafed to the people of this town, and may the blessing of the bounteous Giver of all things attend all its philanthropic and patriotic undertakings.

The Grand Marshal presented the cup of Oil to the Junior Grand Warden, who poured the Oil upon the stone, saying: —

May the Supreme Ruler of the World preserve this people in peace, and grant to them the enjoyment of every blessing.

The Acting Grand Chaplain pronounced the following invocation: —

May Corn, Wine, and Oil, and all the necessaries of life, abound among men throughout the world; may every blessing of Almighty God be upon this undertaking; and may the

structure here to be erected rise in Beauty and Strength, and be preserved to the latest ages, a monument of the liberality of its founders, and of a free and enlightened government.

The Grand Marshal, taking the Square, Level, and Plumb from the other officers, presented them to the Deputy Grand Master.

The Deputy Grand Master presented the Square, Level, and Plumb to the Architect, and said: —

To you, Brother Architect, are confided the implements of operative Masonry, with the fullest confidence that by your skill and taste a fabric will arise which shall add new lustre to this town. May it be blessed with *Wisdom* in the plan, *Strength* in the execution, *Beauty* in the adornment; and may the Sun of Righteousness enlighten those who build, the people who give, and the authorities under whose care this structure shall arise.

By order of the Deputy Grand Master the Grand Marshal read the following proclamation: —

In the name of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I now proclaim that the corner-stone of the structure to be here erected has this day been found square, level, and plumb, true and trusty, and laid according to the ancient forms of Masons. This proclamation is made from the East, the West, the South. Once (Trumpet), Twice (Trumpet twice), Thrice (Trumpet thrice).

The Deputy Grand Master then made the following report: —

ADDRESS OF R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR., DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Committee of Arrangements: —

I have the honor to report that, in compliance with your request, the corner-stone of the Town-hall to be erected upon this spot has been laid with the ancient ceremonies of the Craft.

From the peculiar nature of our Order, it is not often that we obtrude ourselves on public attention; but the present is one of the few occasions upon which we deem it legitimate for us to take part in a public ceremonial.

It is accordingly with much pleasure that we responded to your invitation to lay this corner-stone; and, in behalf of the M.W. Grand Lodge, gentlemen, permit me to wish you all success in the undertaking entrusted to your hands by the citizens of Holbrook.

May the structure, when completed, eminently subserve the purposes for which it is intended; and may you meet the reward of your labors in the approval of your fellow-citizens, and experience the high gratification of having nobly done your duty.

I can but refer to the absence of the Grand Master, M.W. Charles Alfred Welch, who sails to-day, by steamer from New York, for a brief tour in Europe. He leaves regrets for his absence from among us, and his best wishes for the success of your undertaking.

And permit me for him, and in behalf of the M.W. Grand Lodge, to extend thanks to Eminent Sir Baalis Sanford, Jr., Commander of Bay State Commandery of Knights Templars, for the escort furnished the Grand Lodge, and the courteous conduct and knightly bearing of the members of his Com-

mandery; to Worshipful J. T. Southworth, Master of Norfolk Union Lodge, for the fraternal reception, kindly greetings, and attentions extended by the Brethren of his Lodge, and to the Committee of Arrangements and citizens of Holbrook, for the ample accommodations furnished, and assistance rendered in the duties of the day.

May the All-Bounteous Author of nature bless the inhabitants of this municipality with all the comforts and conveniences of life; assist in the erection and completion of this building; protect the workmen from accident, and long preserve the structure from decay.

The Deputy Grand Master having concluded his address, and the work of laying the corner-stone having been accomplished, R.W. Edward Avery, Past Grand Warden, addressed the audience, making appropriate reference to the history and progress of the town, and extending words of counsel and good-will to the citizens.

Upon the conclusion of the address of R.W. Bro. Avery, the Grand Officers were conducted to an adjoining building, where an excellent collation had been provided, through the liberality of the Brethren of Norfolk Union Lodge.

Many citizens united with the Brethren in partaking of this collation, at which W. Bro. Samuel A. Bates presided; and in listening to addresses from the Deputy Grand Master and other distinguished Brethren and citizens, which

contained sentiments of high regard for our Ancient Institution, and the best wishes of the speakers for the prosperity of the town of Holbrook.

At the completion of the banquet the Grand Lodge was again taken, under the escort of Bay State Commandery and Norfolk Union Lodge, to the Railroad Station, and was closed at six minutes past seven o'clock, P.M., in DUE FORM.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest :

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
Recording Grand Secretary pro tem.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

SEPTEMBER 11, A.L. 5878.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, the eleventh day of September, A.L. 5878, A.D. 1878.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. CHARLES ALFRED WELCH . .	Grand Master.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN MCCLELLAN	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER	Recording Gr. Sec'y *pro tem.*
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
R.W. HENRY G. FAY	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 1.
R.W. SETH C. AMES	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 3.
R.W. GEORGE J. TOWNSEND . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 4.
R.W. WILLIAM C. MAXWELL . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 5.
R.W. THOMAS LEYLAND	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 6.
R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 7.
R.W. HENRY M. HUMPHREY . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 8.
R.W. JOHN A. HALL	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 10.
R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 11.
R.W. WILLIAM H. PHIPPS . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 12.
R.W. FREDERICK D. ELY	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 13.
R.W. ABRAHAM G. HART	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 14.

R.W. Russell Matthews	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 15.
R.W. Leavitt Bates	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 16.
R.W. John Viall	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 17.
R.W. George Robinson	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 18.
R.W. Frank Morton	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 19.
W. F. Lyman Winship	Grand Marshal.
W. Thomas Waterman	Grand Lecturers.
W. Charles M. Avery	Grand Lecturers.
W. J. Francis Lotts	Grand Lecturers.
W. Marlborough Williams . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Thomas W. Davis	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. John M. Rodocanachi . . .	Senior Grand Steward.
W. Nathaniel Greene	Junior Grand Steward.
W. Joseph Winsor	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. Z. L. Bicknell	Grand Standard-Bearer.
Bro. Howard M. Dow	Grand Organist.
Bro. Frank E. Jones	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. William Parkman	Past Grand Master.
R.W. Charles C. Dame	" " "
R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson . . .	" " "
R.W. Percival L. Everett . . .	" " "
R.W. Henry Chickering	" Grand Warden.
R.W. William W. Baker	" " "
R.W. William Sutton	" " "
R.W. Samuel P. Oliver	" " "
R.W. William F. Salmon . . .	" " "
R.W. Samuel C. Lawrence . . .	" " "
R.W. Charles Kimball	" " "
R.W. Henry Endicott	" " "
R.W. Benjamin Dean	" " "
R.W. Wyzeman Marshall . . .	" " "
R.W. Ivory H. Pope	" " "
R.W. Tracy P. Cheever	" " "
R.W. Lucius W. Lovell	" " "

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form

at two o'clock, P.M., with prayer by the M.W. Grand Master, and singing.

In consequence of the continued illness of the Recording Grand Secretary, the Grand Master appointed R.W. Bro. Tracy P. Cheever as Recording Grand Secretary for the day, and administered to him the official obligation.

The records of the Quarterly Communication in September last, and of the Special Communication of June 24, 1878, were approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

The record of the Special Communication, of July 10, 1878, at Holbrook, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a new Town-hall, was read and approved.

By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws: —

FULL CODE.

ANCIENT YORK, Lowell.
TEMPLE, East Boston.

AMENDMENTS.

ORPHAN'S HOPE, East Weymouth.
GLOBE, Hinsdale.
JAMES OTIS, Barnstable.
JOSEPH WEBB, Boston.
KILWINNING, Lowell.

Proxies were presented from

BLACKSTONE RIVER LODGE, Blackstone, in favor of W. BRO. SAMUEL S. WHITE.

QUINEBAUG LODGE, Southbridge, in favor of W. BRO. JOHN M. COCHRAN.

The Brethren were recognized accordingly.

The Grand Master stated that, in anticipation of a ratification of his action by the Grand Lodge, he had forwarded to Memphis, New Orleans, Vicksburg, Jackson (for Grenada), and Port Gibson, the sum of five hundred dollars, one hundred dollars being sent to each of these places (except to Port Gibson, where the amount was increased by the sum of two dollars and a half, which had been contributed by a Brother), to be distributed for the relief of our Masonic Brethren who were suffering with the yellow fever. Letters of acknowledgment and thanks from Jackson and Port Gibson were read by the Grand Master.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, the Grand Lodge voted to confirm the action of the Grand Master, and to appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to replace the amount forwarded by him.

R.W. Bro. William Sutton spoke in approval of the action of the Grand Master, and stated that he

would add the sum of one hundred dollars to the amount appropriated.

The Grand Master read a letter from Bro. M. H. Cook, Worshipful Master of Ancient Landmark Lodge, Shanghai, China, announcing the death, at Hong Kong, on the 14th of April last, of R.W. Bro. William C. Blanchard, Past District Deputy for China.

R.W. Bro. William F. Salmon addressed the Grand Lodge substantially as follows: —

REMARKS OF R.W. WILLIAM F. SALMON.

M.W. Grand Master: — As the proxy of Ancient Landmark Lodge it is perhaps fitting for me to say a few words on this occasion.

Bro. Blanchard was born in Charlestown, Mass., July 1, 1833, and went to Lowell when sixteen years of age. He and I were young men together, and I knew him well before he sought his fortune across the sea.

He was always wide awake and full of energy. Somewhat impulsive, he sometimes gave offence, but seldom made enemies, for his large heart would soon make amends for the hasty word. He took great interest in our Institution, and as a Mason has left a bright record.

He was initiated in Ancient York Lodge, Lowell, in the fall of 1855, and made a Royal Arch Mason in Mt. Horeb Chapter, two years later. In 1859 he engaged with Olyphant & Co. of China, and remained in Shanghai until his decease,

serving for the last few years of his life as a pilot. His mark upon Masonry in China will remain for many years, and his memory long be cherished by those for whom he so zealously labored.

The Dispensation for Ancient Landmark Lodge of Shanghai was issued by the M.W. Grand Master of this State, in Dec., 1863, Bro. Blanchard being its first Senior Warden, and its second Master under charter. He for several years held the office of Deputy for China under this M.W. Grand Lodge, and at the time of levying the "Temple Tax" worked so earnestly that the full commutation fee for every member of Ancient Landmark Lodge was collected and sent home. He took a prominent part in the formation of Keystone R.A. Chapter (U.S. jurisdiction), and was High Priest thereof.

In 1867 he received the Order of Knighthood in Celestial Encampment of Shanghai (English jurisdiction), and in 1870 held the office of Eminent Commander.

In 1874 he received the degrees of the Scottish Rite, as appears from a diploma issued by the Supreme Council of Scotland.

Last Friday I received, through the mail, from the U.S. Consulate at Shanghai, the Masonic diplomas and certificates issued to Bro. Blanchard, some twenty in number, showing the position he held among his Brethren in China, being an active or honorary member in all the Bodies there. His great interest, however, centred in Masonry under American control, and he was in correspondence with me touching the formation of a Commandery with an American charter.

Such is the brief record of one who has caused Masonry to thrive in the "heathen land," and who, though poor in worldly possessions, has by his zeal and energy laid up a rich, enduring

treasure, and left the imprint of his work to redound to the credit of this M.W. Grand Lodge that he loved so well.

The Grand Master read the following : —

TELEGRAM FROM THE GRAND SECRETARY OF NEBRASKA.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA, September 9, 1878.

CHARLES H. TITUS, *Grand Secretary of Freemasons* : —

The remains of our Past Grand Master, Frank Welch, left here in special car on regular train, at five o'clock this afternoon, for interment at or near Boston. They go *via* Albany, with escort of eight Knights Templars, in charge of Grand Master Valentine. Nebraska asks due honors for the remains by the Fraternity in Massachusetts. Please arrange for full Masonic funeral, unless objected to by friends of the family.

WILLIAM R. BOWEN,
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master then announced that, in accordance with the wishes of the Nebraska Brethren, he had made arrangements for Masonic funeral ceremonies over the remains of Past Grand Master Welch, and requested the officers of the Grand Lodge and Brethren to assemble at the Masonic Temple on the following Friday, Sept. 13, at one o'clock, P.M.

The roll of the Lodges was called, and the fol-

lowing ninety-six Lodges were found to be represented: —

Aberdour.
Alfred Baylies.
Amicable.
Amity.
Ancient Landmark.
Aurora.
Baalbec.
Belmont.
Bethany.
Bethesda (Brighton).
Beth-horon.
Blackstone River.
Bristol.
Charles A. Welch.
Charles C. Dame.
Charles H. Titus.
Charles River.
Chicopee.
Corinthian.
Corner Stone.
Crescent.
Dalhousie.
Eleusis.
Eliot.
Essex.
Eureka.
Ezekiel Bates.
Faith.
Fellowship.
Fraternity.
Good Samaritan.
Grecian.
Hammatt.
Hampden.
Huelen.
Ionic (Taunton).
Ionic (Easthampton).
Isaac Parker.
James Otis.
John Abbot.
John Cutler.
Jordan.
Joseph Warren.
Joseph Webb.
Kilwinning.
King Cyrus.
King Solomon.
Lafayette (Boston Highlands).
Liberty.
Marine.
Massachusetts.
Montgomery.
Morning Star.
Mosaic.
Mount Hermon.
Mount Horeb (Woburn).
Mount Lebanon.
Mount Moriah.
Mount Olivet.
Mount Tabor.
Mount Tom.
Mount Vernon.
Mumford River.
Norfolk.
Norfolk Union.
Old Colony.
Orient.
Orphan's Hope.
Oxford.
Palestine.
Paul Dean.
Paul Revere.
Pentucket.
Phœnix.
Putnam.
Quinebaug.
Revere.
Rising Star.
Robert Lash.
Saint Alban's.
Saint George.
Saint John's (Boston).
Saint Paul's (South Boston).
Siloam.
Simon W. Robinson.
Star in the East.
Starr King.
Temple.
Tyrian.
United Brethren.
Washington.
William North.
William Parkman.
William Sutton.
Wyoming.
Zetland.

The Recording Grand Secretary *pro tem.* read the following complaint of Republican Lodge,

Greenfield, against Harmony Lodge, Northfield, and the same was referred to a committee consisting of R.W. Bros. William F. Salmon, Selwin Z. Bowman, and W. Bro. Albert L. Richardson.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

AUGUST 8, A.D. 1878.

REPUBLICAN LODGE *vs.* HARMONY LODGE.

Complaint.

Republican Lodge Free and Accepted Masons, of Greenfield, under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, complains and charges Harmony Lodge, of Northfield, also under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of said Massachusetts, with unmasonic conduct, to wit: in a violation of the Constitutions of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of said Massachusetts, and a violation of ancient Masonic usage, according to the following specifications: —

Specification first. — That said Harmony Lodge did receive the petition for the degrees in Masonry from one Charles E. Lyons, a resident of Greenfield, in the county of Franklin, and State of Massachusetts; that said petition was accepted by said Harmony Lodge, and that the degrees in Masonry were conferred upon said Charles E. Lyons, the said Harmony Lodge well knowing that at the time the said petition was accepted and the said degrees conferred, to wit, on the twentieth day of July, A.D. 1878, that said Charles E. Lyons was a resident of said Greenfield.

Specification second. — That said Harmony Lodge did receive and accept the petition of said Charles E. Lyons for initiation

in Harmony Lodge, he, the said Charles E. Lyons, having been rejected by said Republican Lodge within six months next preceding said acceptance as aforesaid; all of which the said Harmony Lodge well knew at the time of said acceptance, to wit, on the twentieth day of July, A.D. 1878.

Specification third. — That said Harmony Lodge did initiate in Masonry said Charles E. Lyons, he, the said Charles E. Lyons then being a resident of said Greenfield, and within six months next preceding said initiation, to wit, the sixteenth day of May, A.D. 1878, having been rejected for initiation in Masonry by said Republican Lodge; all of which the said Harmony Lodge well knew at the time of said initiation, to wit, the twentieth day of July, A.D. 1878.

Wherefore your complainant prays that said Harmony Lodge may be summoned to answer to the foregoing charges, and the specifications therein contained, and that such due and further action may be taken in the premises as is provided by the Constitutions of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and ancient Masonic usage.

[SEAL.] L. C. PRATT,
Secretary Republican Lodge F. & A. M.

A complaint from F. N. Deane against Norfolk Union Lodge was read by the Recording Grand Secretary *pro tem.*, and referred to a committee consisting of R.W. Bros. Sereno D. Nickerson, Frederick D. Ely, and W. Bro. Solomon A. Bolster.

Owing to the absence of R.W. Bro. Edward Avery, chairman, further time was granted to the Committee on Healing, on the petition of C. G.

Carr for restoration to the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, and on the petition of S. P. Curtis, of Brockton, for formal healing.

Further time was also granted to the committee, appointed at the Quarterly Communication in March last, to consider a proposed change of the seal of the Grand Lodge, as suggested by R.W. Bro. John T. Heard; and to the committee on the petition of William C. Culver, appointed at the Quarterly Communication in June last.

R.W. Henry Chickering, in behalf of the committee to whom were referred, at the Quarterly Communication in June last, certain documents from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Egypt, in reference to the action of the Grand Orient of France in eliminating from its Constitution a belief in Deity, reported that, owing to the absence of some members of the committee during the summer months, they had not had opportunity for conference; but a majority of the committee, having had a brief consultation that forenoon, had prepared and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution, and ask for more time for the further consideration of the subject: —

Resolved, That the belief in God is a Landmark of Freemasonry, incorporated into its creed from the beginning, and must be unequivocally expressed by every initiate into its

mysteries; that it is not in the power of any man or body of men to alter or annul it; that any effort to do so has our solemn protest, and will receive, as it will justly deserve, our unqualified condemnation.

The resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote, the Brethren all rising, and further time granted the committee, as requested.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, Sept. 11, 1878.

The Committee on By-Laws have examined the several amendments and two full codes submitted, and report: —

That the amendments submitted by

JOSEPH WEBB LODGE, Boston,
ORPHAN'S HOPE LODGE, East Weymouth,
GLOBE LODGE, Hinsdale,
KILWINNING LODGE, Lowell,

are correct, and their approval is recommended.

The amendment submitted by JAMES OTIS LODGE, Barnstable, is approved as amended by the committee.

The full code of ANCIENT YORK LODGE, Lowell, is approved, and the full code of TEMPLE LODGE, East Boston, is approved as amended by the committee.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM F. SALMON,
LUCIUS W. LOVELL,
THOMAS W. DAVIS,
Committee.

The Committee on Amendments to the Grand Constitutions reported as follows: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AMENDMENTS TO GRAND CONSTITUTIONS.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

BOSTON, September 11, 1878.

The Committee on "a Masonic Digest," to whom were referred sundry amendments to the Grand Constitutions and General Regulations, fully set forth on pages 44–5–6–7–8–9, 50 and 51 of the Proceedings for June, 1878, respectfully report: —

That they have carefully considered all the proposed amendments, and suggest the following changes as necessary to carry out the evident intent of the proposer:

To the first part, or "changes in substance": —

Page 33, Part 3, Art. 7, Sect. 2, third line, insert after *deep*, *outside*.

Eighth line, strike out *an*, and insert *every*.

Eighth and ninth lines, strike out *a blue sash*.

To the second part, or "changes of form": —

Page 6, Part 1, Art. 1, Sect. 2, strike out from tenth line the words, *two of each class*, and from thirteenth and fourteenth lines the words, *the director so chosen shall be of the class vacated*.

In the second line of fourth sentence, the word *meeting* should be retained, and the words *or communication* inserted thereafter.

Page 7, Sect. 2, seventeenth line on page, insert after *meeting, or communication*.

Page 8, Art. 3, Sect. 2, seventh line, strike out *or by vote of the Board of Directors*.

Page 11, Art. 6, Sect. 7, third line, strike out *or* after *Master*, and insert *or proxy* after *Warden*.

Page 12, Art. 7, Sect. 6, first and second lines, strike out *or of any subordinate Lodge*.

Page 13, Art. 8, Sect. 2, strike out the *seventh line* and the word *officers* in eighth line; ninth line, strike out *their* and insert *his*.

Page 29, Part 3, Art. 5, Sect. 1, first line, strike out *as;* third line, strike out *it* and insert *and*.

Page 31, Art. 7, Sect. 1, paragraph 1, first line, strike out *the jewel* and insert *that;* also strike out *shall be*.

Same in fifth and seventh lines, and the same in Sect. 2, thirteenth line, page 33.

Page 32, Art. 7, Sect. 1, paragraph 2, strike out the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh lines.

Page 38, Part 4, Art. 1, Sect. 7, third line, strike out after reside, *it is clear that*, and insert *so*.

Sect. 8, fourth line, strike out *or*.

Page 39, Art. 2, Sect. 1, first line, after Lodge insert *shall*.

Page 47, Part 5, Sect. 2, second line, strike out *any* and insert *no;* strike out *having been* and insert *who has been;* third line strike out *not*.

Page 49, Sect. 16, third line, strike out *meeting* and insert *Communication*.

Same, Sect. 20, third and fifth lines.

Same, Sect. 22, page 50, second and tenth lines.

New Section 18 (taken from page 12, Art. 7, Sect. 6). *No elected officer of a Lodge shall act as such until he is duly installed.*

Page 50, add to Section 20, *but no member except one of the majority which decided the question shall be allowed to move for a reconsideration.*

Strike same from Part 6, page 52, Rule 12, and change the numbers of the following sections.

Page 51, Part 6, Rule 4, strike out from *each*, in the second line, to *them*, in the fourth line inclusive.

Page 54, definitions; add note, *When the word suspension is used alone, it is understood to refer to the rights and privileges of Masonry, and not to membership in a Lodge.*

With the changes and modifications herewith submitted, we heartily recommend the adoption of the amendments, and can assure the members of the M.W. Grand Lodge that, though the numerous changes in *form* may appear formidable, they do not in any instance affect the *substance* as now expressed and understood; that if the amendments are adopted the Grand Constitutions and Regulations will remain the same in every respect, so far as their governing power is concerned, but with language and arrangement much more satisfactory than at present.

Fraternally submitted,

W. F. Salmon,

For the Committee.

The report of the committee was accepted.

The amendments proposed by this committee were then adopted, and the original amendments, as thus amended, were also acted upon and adopted, in each case unanimously by a rising vote; the amendments in matter of substance having been separately acted upon, and the amendments in matter of form having, with the approval of the Grand Lodge, been all acted upon and adopted together.

W. Bro. Alfred F. Chapman moved that the Masons of Massachusetts be requested to contribute such sums as they can spare for the benefit of Masons and their families suffering by reason of yellow fever, and that the M.W. Grand Master be requested and authorized to receive and distribute such sums in such manner as he may determine. This motion was adopted.

The committee appointed to prepare a Masonic Digest made the following report: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MASONIC DIGEST.

In Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,
Boston, Sept. 11, 1878.

The committee appointed at the Annual Communication, in December last, to prepare "a Digest of Masonic Law and the Regulations of this Grand Lodge relating to subordinate Lodges, for the use of the Craft," have attended to the duty, and herewith submit in manuscript the result of their labors.

The principal source from which the committee have derived the conclusions reached have been, of course, the Records and printed Proceedings of this Grand Lodge. These have been very carefully searched by the chairman of the committee, and every decision or ruling, either of the Grand Lodge, or any of its Grand Masters, which, in the judgment of the committee, was intended to have the force of law, if not incorporated in the Constitutions or subsequently overruled, has been set forth in the Digest.

As far as possible the committee have endeavored to preserve unchanged the language of the respective decisions and rulings,

knowing that such experienced and careful Brethren as Timothy Bigelow, Isaiah Thomas, John Dixwell, and most of their successors, were wont to carefully choose their words when laying down the law upon Masonic subjects. The committee have, therefore, as far as possible, preserved the *ipsissima verba*, without attempting any improvements of their own.

The only other source from which the committee have drawn the rules of Masonic law embodied in the Digest is the opinions of that distinguished Masonic expert and jurist, R.W. Charles W. Moore, as set forth in the "Freemasons' Monthly Magazine." His lifelong experience in almost every office in the Fraternity, his devotion of a lifetime to the promotion of its best interests, the wonderful clearness of insight, breadth of view, and strength and copiousness of argument and reasoning, which characterized his judgment upon all Masonic questions, have made his opinions respected wherever known, and, as set forth by your committee, will undoubtedly receive the ready assent and approval of every member of the Fraternity throughout the jurisdiction.

The committee have deemed it their duty to present the law of this jurisdiction as obtained from the sources named, without attempting an exhibit of the general principles which govern the whole Fraternity. Nor have the committee presumed to express their own opinions, or to say in any case what the law should be. They have considered it their province only to state what the law is.

With this brief explanation of the views which have governed the committee in the discharge of their duty, they respectfully submit the Digest they have prepared, and recommend that it be published in connection with the Grand Constitutions.

For the Committee,

SERENO D. NICKERSON.

The report was accepted, and, on motion of R.W. Samuel C. Lawrence, the following vote was adopted: —

Voted, That the Digest of Masonic law this day reported by the committee be published by the Grand Lodge, in connection with the revised Constitutions, as an authoritative declaration of the law of this jurisdiction.

By vote of the Grand Lodge the Committee on a Masonic Digest were authorized to take charge of the printing and other matters connected with the publication of the new Digest and the revised Constitutions.

R.W. Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, in behalf of the Committee on the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, made the following report: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

In Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,
Boston, Sept. 11, 1878.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from a new organization, styling itself the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, beg leave to report: —

That since our last Quarterly Communication reports have been current that some of the Lodges represented at the formation of the new organization have taken action with a view to resuming their former allegiance; and that, instead of gaining in numbers and strength, the so-called Grand Lodge is losing

the confidence of its founders. Whether these reports be true or false it is not necessary for us to decide, inasmuch as it is an undisputed fact that a large majority of the Lodges in the Province, including all those claiming under the Grand Lodge of England, declined to take part in the formation of the new organization, and have steadily refused to yield allegiance to it. Your committee are of opinion that in order to the formation of a legitimate and constitutional Grand Lodge it is an indispensable requisite that at least a majority, not less than three in number, of the Lodges existing in the kingdom, State, territory, or province, shall yield their assent and allegiance. Without such assent and allegiance no Grand Lodge can be formed which shall merit, or which should receive, the countenance and recognition of existing Grand Lodges. Your committee would, therefore, recommend that the Recording Grand Secretary be instructed to respectfully decline, on the part of this Grand Lodge, the recognition desired.

For the Committee,

SERENO D. NICKERSON.

The report was accepted, and the recommendation that this Grand Lodge refuse to grant recognition to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales was adopted.

W. Bro. Samuel W. Creech, Jr., informed the Grand Lodge that there were in the possession of the family of Bro. William Palfrey, recently deceased, a number of valuable Masonic documents, among which were some diplomas bearing the signature of Gen. Joseph Warren, Past Grand

Master, and, upon motion of Bro. Creech, the following vote was adopted: —

Voted, That a committee be appointed to confer with the family of Bro. William Palfrey, deceased, and procure from them, by purchase or gift, such papers as are of Masonic interest to this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master appointed as this committee W. Bro. Samuel W. Creech, Jr., R.W. Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, and Bro. Henry A. Whitney.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM at twenty-nine minutes past four o'clock, P.M., with prayer by the M.W. Grand Master, and singing.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
Recording Grand Secretary pro tem.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

SEPTEMBER 13, A.L. 5878.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Friday, the thirteenth day of September, A.L. 5878, A.D. 1878.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. CHARLES ALFRED WELCH . Grand Master.
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON . *as* Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . . Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY ENDICOTT . . . *as* Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER . . . Recording Grand Sec'y *pro tem.*
R.W. HENRY G. FAY . . . . . D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.
R.W. JOHN VIALL . . . . . D.D.G. Master, District No. 17.
W. Rev. WILLIAM S. STUDLEY . *as* Grand Chaplain.
W. F. LYMAN WINSHIP . . . . Grand Marshal.
W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI . *as* Senior Grand Deacon.
W. NATHANIEL GREENE . . *as* Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro. FRANK E. JONES . . . . Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. GEORGE G. SMITH . . . . . Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. CHARLES KIMBALL . . . . . Past Grand Warden.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at twenty minutes past one o'clock, P.M. There were present at the opening, M.W. Edward K.

Valentine, Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, and R.W. George W. Lininger, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of that State. The Grand Master appointed R.W. Tracy P. Cheever as Recording Grand Secretary for the day, and administered to him the official obligation. The following-named Brethren from Nebraska were introduced and welcomed by the Grand Master, viz.: —

W. Rev. FRANK E. BULLARD, Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.
Sir CHARLES F. CATLIN, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska.
Sir EBEN K. LONG, Past Grand Prelate.
Sir STEPHEN K. JACKSON.
Sir JOHN S. MCCLEARY.
W. Bro. CHARLES P. MATHEWSON.

The Grand Master announced the object of this Special Communication to be the performance of suitable Masonic funeral services over the remains of the Honorable Frank Welch, Past Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska, a member of Congress and a distinguished citizen of that State, who has recently died. To participate in this final honor to their deceased associate and Brother, his eminent Brethren from Nebraska had journeyed to this Commonwealth, having his remains in their charge.

By command of the Grand Master, the Grand

Marshal then formed a procession in the following order, viz.: —

Grand Tyler.
Grand Deacons.
D.D. Grand Masters.
Past Grand Wardens.
Senior and Junior Grand Wardens.
Brethren from Nebraska as invited guests of the Grand Lodge.
Deputy Grand Master.
M.W. Edward K. Valentine, Grand Master of Nebraska,
with the M.W. Grand Master.

The procession, under the escort of Boston Commandery of Knights Templars, E. Sir James H. Upham, Commander, moved to the First New Jerusalem Church, on Bowdoin street, where solemn religious services were held by the pastor, Rev. James Reed.

At the conclusion of the services in the church, the procession was re-formed, and the body of the deceased was received by the Grand Lodge. Under the escort of the Commandery, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the Boston & Providence R.R. station, where cars were taken for the station at Forest Hills. From there the procession repaired to the cemetery, the mourners attending in carriages. At the cemetery the solemn funeral ceremonies of the ritual were impressively performed by the M.W. Grand Master, assisted by the Acting Grand Chaplain.

Prior to the benediction the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, by request of the Grand Master, offered a prayer, and M.W. Edward K. Valentine, in feeling and appropriate terms, bade farewell to his eminent predecessor, whose mortal remains were then consigned to the soil of his native Commonwealth.

At the conclusion of the services the Grand Lodge returned to the Railroad Station, and was closed in AMPLE FORM, at five o'clock, P.M.

A true abstract from the Record.

Attest:

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
Recording Grand Secretary pro tem.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

OCTOBER 3, A.L. 5878.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Thursday, the third day of October, A.L. 5878, A.D. 1878.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. CHARLES ALFRED WELCH . .	Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. WYZEMAN MARSHALL . . .	*as* Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER	Recording G. Sec'y *pro tem.*
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER . . .	*as* Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
R.W. HENRY G. FAY	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 1.
R.W. THOMAS LEYLAND	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 6.
R.W. LEAVITT BATES	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 16.
R.W. JOHN VIALL	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 17.
W. REV. JOSEPH E. BARRY . .	*as* Grand Chaplain.
W. F. LYMAN WINSHIP	Grand Marshal.
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Z. L. BICKNELL	*as* Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI . . .	Senior Grand Steward.
W. JAMES MILLS	Junior Grand Steward.
W. JOSEPH WINSOR	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. HENRY J. PARKER	Grand Pursuivants.
W. SAMUEL WELLS	Grand Pursuivants.
BRO. FRANK E. JONES	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE . . .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN	" " "

R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson . . .	Past Grand Master,
R.W. Percival L. Everett . . .	" " "
R.W. George G. Smith	" Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Rev. Lucius R. Paige . . .	" " " "
R.W. Charles Levi Woodbury . .	" " " "
R.W. William W. Baker	" Grand Warden.
R.W. Samuel P. Oliver	" " "
R.W. Charles Kimball	" " "
R.W. Isaac H. Wright	" " "
R.W. William T. Grammer . . .	" " "

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form at twelve o'clock, M.

R.W. George P. Sanger was appointed Recording Grand Secretary for the day, and received the official obligation.

The Grand Master announced that this Special Communication of the Grand Lodge had been called in consequence of the death of R.W. John McClellan, who during the past seventeen years had held the responsible office of Grand Treasurer, with the highest honor to himself and to the full satisfaction of his Brethren, who were present to render him the last offices of honor and respect, agreeably to the forms of our ritual. After the opening, the officers and members of all the Grand Bodies to which the deceased had belonged were invited to take seats in the Grand Lodge. Subsequently all Master Masons present received a similar invitation. The Master, Wardens, and members of Revere Lodge, to which our deceased Brother had been,

from its formation, attached as a Charter Member and its Treasurer, were then formally admitted into the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master addressed the Grand Lodge in eulogy of the deceased, stating the various offices of honor and trust which he had filled.

At the conclusion of the Grand Master's address he appointed R.W. William S. Gardner, R.W. Charles L. Woodbury, and R.W. William W. Baker a committee to present resolutions in relation to the death of R.W. Bro. McClellan at the next Quarterly Communication.

The usual Lodge burial service was then performed in compliance with the forms of the ritual; after which, by order of the Grand Master, a procession was formed by the Grand Marshal in the usual manner, of the Grand Lodge, Revere Lodge and other Brethren, which proceeded to St. Paul's Church, where funeral services, in accordance with the forms of the Protestant Episcopal Church, were conducted by the Rev. William W. Newton, assisted by the Rev. John T. Rose. At the close of these religious services a portion of the Masonic burial service was performed by the Grand Master, assisted by the Grand Chaplain; the Temple and Revere quartettes rendering appropriate music.

At the close of the services in the church the

Grand Lodge received the remains of the deceased, and a procession was formed and escorted the body to the cemetery at Mount Auburn. It was attended by the family and relatives of the deceased as mourners, a Guard of Honor, consisting of twenty members of Boston Commandery K.T., and the following Brethren, as pall-bearers, viz.: —

R.W. PETER C. JONES, Representative of the Grand Lodge.
R.W. WILLIAM W. BAKER, Representative of Revere Lodge.
W. WILLIAM J. STEVENS, Representative of Columbian Lodge.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN, Representative of St. Andrew's R.A. Chapter.
M.E. SMITH B. HARRINGTON, Representative of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts.
M.E. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN, Representative of the Gen. Grand Chapter of the U. S.
W. ALBERT L. RICHARDSON, Representative of the Grand Council R. and S. Masters.
W. OTIS E. WELD, Representative of the Boston Council R. and S. Masters.
Bro. W. H. MAINE, Representative of the Boston Commandery K.T.
R.E. Sir JOHN DEAN, Representative of Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.
R.W. HENRY G. FAY, Representative of Massachusetts Consistory.
R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN, Representative of Supreme Council 33°.

The remaining services prescribed by the ritual were impressively performed at the grave by the Grand Master and the Grand Chaplain, aided by the attending Brethren and the Temple Quartette. Under the serene sky of a brilliant October day, amid the natural and artificial attractions of this

delightful resting-place of the dead, surrounded by his weeping family and a host of long-cherished friends of all ranks and orders in Masonry, our distinguished and most worthy Brother was laid to rest, and the Grand Master, in behalf of all who knew and loved him, bade him a most tender and affectionate farewell. After the benediction was pronounced, the Grand Lodge repaired to the Chapel of the cemetery, and was closed in AMPLE FORM at twenty minutes past four o'clock, P.M.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

GEORGE P. SANGER,
Recording Grand Secretary pro tem.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

OF THE

Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity

OF

Free and Accepted Masons

OF THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

IN UNION WITH THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE GRAND LODGES IN EUROPE AND AMERICA, ACCORDING TO THE OLD CONSTITUTIONS.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION,

NOVEMBER 1, 1878.

AND

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION,

DECEMBER, 1878,

BEING ITS ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

M.W. CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, GRAND MASTER.
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER, RECORDING GRAND SECRETARY.

Ordered to be Read in all the Lodges.

BOSTON:
PRESS OF ROCKWELL & CHURCHILL, 39 ARCH ST.
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The Grand Lodge.

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OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

NOVEMBER 1, A.L. 5878.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Friday, the first day of November, A.L. 5878, A.D. 1878.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. CHARLES ALFRED WELCH . .	Grand Master.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR. .	Deputy Grand Master.
" HENRY CHICKERING . . .	*as* Senior Grand Warden.
" IRVING B. SAYLES	Junior Grand Warden.
" SAMUEL WELLS	Grand Treasurer.
" GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
" THOMAS LEYLAND	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 6.
" SOLON W. STEVENS	" " " " 7.
" CHARLES W. MOODY . . .	" " " " 11.

R.W. LEAVITT BATES	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 16.
" JOHN VIALL	" " " " 17.
W. F. LYMAN WINSHIP	Grand Marshal.
" THOMAS WATERMAN	Grand Lecturers.
" J. FRANCIS LOTTS	Grand Lecturers.
" MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
" THOMAS W. DAVIS	Junior Grand Deacon.
" JOHN M. RODOCANACHI . . .	Senior Grand Steward.
" NATHANIEL GREENE	Junior Grand Steward.
" Z. L. BICKNELL	Grand Standard-Bearer.
" HENRY J. PARKER	Grand Pursuivant.
BRO. FRANK E. JONES	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE . . .	Past Grand Master.
" SERENO D. NICKERSON . . .	" " "
" PERCIVAL L. EVERETT . . .	" " "
" LUCIUS R. PAIGE	Past Deputy Grand Master.
" MARSHALL P. WILDER . . .	" " " "
" HENRY CHICKERING	Past Grand Warden.
" WILLIAM SUTTON	" " "
" SAMUEL P. OLIVER	" " "
" SAMUEL C. LAWRENCE . . .	" " "
" HENRY ENDICOTT	" " "
" DANIEL W. LAWRENCE . . .	" " "
" ELIJAH W. BURR	" " "
" TRACY P. CHEEVER	" " "
" LUCIUS W. LOVELL	" " "

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM, at forty-five minutes past nine o'clock, A.M. Immediately after the opening a large number of Master Masons and Brethren of the different Orders in Masonry were admitted, by direction of the Grand Master.

The Grand Master then announced the occasion

of this Communication of the Grand Lodge as follows: —

Brethren, we have met to perform the last ceremonies over the remains of our late Recording Grand Secretary.

Charles H. Titus was born in Monmouth, Kennebec Co., Me., April 11, 1819, and was the only son of a farmer of that place. His father died when he was eighteen, and with that generous consideration for others which was so marked a trait in his character, he declined to receive his portion of the estate, and supported himself and paid his school expenses at the academy in Monmouth by teaching.

At first his health, and subsequently his duties as a clergyman of the Methodist Church, which never had a more sincere Christian in its fold, carried him into different parts of the country. In 1842 he was married, and marriage proved to him one of his greatest blessings. While stationed in Taunton, in 1858, he petitioned King David Lodge to be admitted to the Masonic degrees, and, his petition being granted, he received in due course the degrees of E. A., F. C., and M. M., — the last, Dec. 15, 1858 — and became a member of that Lodge. The next year he received the Capitular degrees in Adoniram Chapter of New Bedford, being exalted January 5th, and became a member of that Body. In 1859 and 1860 he received the orders of Knighthood in St. John's Commandery, Providence, R.I., and became, and continued till his death, a member of that Commandery. Subsequently he received the various degrees of the A.·. and A.·. Rite, and in 1865 the 33°. When the Lodge bearing his own name in Taunton was chartered, he became a member of that Lodge, and, being at his death its most honored member, that Lodge will join us in performing the burial service to-day.

He held at various times many different offices in Masonic Bodies, and my own acquaintance with him commenced when, as Grand Master, or one of the Council of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, he visited St. Bernard Commandery, of which I was then an officer. Little did I then suppose that in a few years I should be so intimately associated with him in this Grand Lodge.

In April, 1871, he was appointed, by Grand Master Gardner, Recording Grand Secretary, and in June, 1871, he was elected by the Grand Lodge to this office, and at each Annual Communication has been reëlected, as the account of him in the Appendix to the Grand Lodge Proceedings of 1873 correctly stated, I believe, by an unanimous vote.

Brethren, no words of mine can add to the high estimate you all have of the beautiful character and of the Masonic worth of our departed Brother. I can truly say, without fear of being accused of exaggeration, that nowhere could a person have been found more suited, by the purity of his character and the gentle courtesy of his manners, to the office which he held. What Brother ever visited the Grand Secretary's room without coming away happier for the cordial kindness with which he was treated? What Grand Master but must acknowledge the substantial benefit he derived from the Recording Grand Secretary's intelligence and Masonic learning, united, as it always was, with a polite and respectful consideration for the official dignity of him whom he aided with his counsel? And this kindness, this courtesy, was not merely an external polish of manner; it came from a warm, kindly, affectionate heart, overflowing with love for all men. Nor were there wanting, united with these gentle qualities, decided opinions, a firm will, and a quiet resolution to say and do what his judgment approved as right.

As for his attachment to this Institution, I will only add that a few days before his death he told me how much pleasure he had derived from his connection with Masonry and his Masonic Brothers, and therefore he wished that those to whom he had been so much attached in life should perform the last offices at his grave. As much of his life had been spent in Warren, R.I., and he and the members of his family had many friends there, he desired you to commit

His body to that pleasant country's earth;
His soul he gave unto his Captain, Christ,
Under whose colors he had fought so long.

Brethren, to-day we comply with his request.

The burial service appointed for the Lodge was then performed, and the Grand Master appointed R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, R.W. Percival L. Everett, and W. George H. Rhodes, W. Master of Charles H. Titus Lodge, a committee to prepare and present at the next regular Communication of the Grand Lodge resolutions expressive of the feelings of the Brethren of this jurisdiction at the loss of their deceased Brother.

The Grand Lodge was then called to refreshment and proceeded without form to the station of the Boston and Providence Railroad, where cars were taken for Providence at half-past ten o'clock. At the Jamaica Plain station the members of the family, having in their charge the remains of the deceased, entered the train, which proceeded

toward its destination. At Attleboro' it received the accession of Charles H. Titus Lodge, W. George H. Rhodes, W. Master, with its complement of officers and a full membership of Brethren, together with a delegation from King David Lodge, W. Abner Coleman, W. Master.

Upon the arrival of the train at Providence the Grand Lodge was met by St. John's Commandery of Knights Templars of that city, Sir Walter B. Vincent, Generalissimo, commanding, and by R. W. Hon. Thomas A. Doyle, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, and other distinguished members of the Craft in that jurisdiction. At fifteen minutes past one o'clock, the Grand Lodge, in company with the other Masonic Bodies and Brethren before mentioned, proceeded in a special train, which had been provided through the kind offices of W. Bro. A. A. Folsom, Superintendent of the Boston and Providence Railroad Company, to the town of Warren, R.I., which was reached at ten minutes before two o'clock.

Here, in accordance with the special request of our departed Brother, expressed in the last days of his life, were to be performed such closing services in his honor as his Brethren might choose to render, and here his body was to take its final rest amid the scenes and among the friends who

knew him so well and before whom much of the ministry of his mature life had been performed. At Warren the Grand Lodge was met, and the Grand Master hospitably received and welcomed to the jurisdiction of R.I. by M.W. Charles R. Cutler, Grand Master of Masons in that jurisdiction, who accompanied the Grand Master in the procession and remained with him during the ceremonies. At two o'clock a procession was formed in the following order: —

St. John's Commandery K.T. of Providence.

Washington Lodge, No. 3, of Warren, W. William H. Crawley, W.M.

Charles H. Titus Lodge of Taunton, W. George H. Rhodes, W.M.

Officers of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Mass. and R.I.

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

M.W. Charles Alfred Welch, Grand Master.

and M.W. Charles R. Cutler, Grand Master of Masons of R.I.

HEARSE.

Guard of Honor, composed of Sir Knights of St. John's Commandery.

Coaches containing mourners.

The pall-bearers were, R.W. Percival L. Everett, representing the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

W. George H. Rhodes, W.M., and Walter S. Sprague, P.M., representing Charles H. Titus Lodge of Taunton, and W. Abner Coleman, representing King David's Lodge, of Taunton.

E. Cyrus B. Manchester, representing Grand R.A. Chapter of R.I.

E. Sir Kts. George H. Burnham and A. H. Cushman, representing St. John's Commandery.

R.E. Sir John Dean, Grand Commander and V.E. Sir Nelson W. Aldrich, Dep. Grand Commander, representing the Grand Commandery of Mass. and R.I.
R.W. Thomas A. Doyle, representing the Supreme Council, 33°.

Upon the arrival of the procession at the Methodist Church, and after the seating of the mourners and the Grand Lodge and Brethren, the casket was borne into the church, preceded by several clergymen, Rev. Bro. Edgar F. Clarke, the pastor, reading the opening sentences of the Methodist Church service. It was taken under the arch of steel and placed within the chancel rail.

The officiating clergymen, Rev. Dr. Samuel C. Brown, of Warren, R.I., Rev. Dr. Micah J. Talbot, of Phenix, R.I., who had been specially selected for the purpose by our deceased Brother, assisted by Rev. Dr. Morrison, of Bristol, R.I., and Rev. John Livesey, of Dighton, Mass., then proceeded to perform appropriate religious services in honor of an associate and friend who had been bound to them both by the ties of a common profession and of personal regard. These services were in the prescribed form of the church of which our lamented Brother was a devoted adherent and a shining light. The chief feature of them was the address of Rev. Dr. Brown, an

early and lifelong friend of Bro. Titus, whose admirable, discriminating, and just analysis and elucidation of his life and character won the hearty assent and commendation of all who had the good fortune to hear it.

At the close of the religious services the Grand Master (having previously obtained the permission of M.W. Charles R. Cutler, Grand Master of Masons in R.I. to perform the Masonic service within the limits of the State of R.I., in conformity to the wishes of the deceased) proceeded to the performance of a portion of the Masonic burial-service, in which, also by the request of the deceased, he was very efficiently assisted by W. Rev. Sidney Dean, as Grand Chaplain. To this solemn service the Temple Quartette lent the charm of their rich and impressive music. At the close of the services in the church the large congregation present passed to the chancel rail and took a last look at the features of their Brother and friend.

The procession was then re-formed and proceeded in the same order as at first to the South Cemetery, where the final ceremonies, as prescribed in the ritual, took place. The body was deposited in the grave, "earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust," the sprig of acacia was dropped upon it, the bell tolled the last requiem, the farewell melody

of his Brethren was sung, the benediction was spoken, and the mortal remains of our beloved Brother were left to rest in the spot which he had selected.

After the service the Grand Lodge returned from the burial-ground, and, by invitation of the Grand Master of Rhode sland, proceeded to his mansion, where they were hospitably and kindly entertained, and the warmest expressions of friendship were exchanged between the officers of the two Grand Lodges.

The arrangement of the ceremonies and the management of all the details connected with the honors this day paid to our departed Brother were, by request of the deceased, under the personal charge of R.W. William H. Chessman, Senior Grand Warden, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due to him for his efficient performance of those duties.

At six o'clock, P.M. the Grand Lodge proceeded by special train to Providence, and at half-past seven started for Boston, where it was closed in Ample Form, at fifty minutes past eight o'clock, P.M.

Attest :

CHARLES ALFRED WELCH,
Grand Master.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

DECEMBER 11, A.L. 5878.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, the eleventh day of December, A.L. 5878, A.D. 1878.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, .	Grand Master.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,	Deputy Grand Master.
" WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . .	Senior Grand Warden.
" IRVING B. SAYLES	Junior " "
" SAMUEL WELLS	Grand Treasurer.
" TRACY P. CHEEVER	Recording Grand Secretary.
" GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
" HENRY G. FAY	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 1.
" SELWYN Z. BOWMAN . . .	" " " 2.
" SETH C. AMES	" " " 3.
" GEORGE W. TOWNSEND . .	" " " 4.
" WILLIAM C. MAXWELL . . .	" " " 5.
" THOMAS LEYLAND	" " " 6.
" SOLON W. STEVENS	" " " 7.
" JOHN A. HALL	" " " 10.
" CHARLES W. MOODY . . .	" " " 11.
" WILLIAM H. PHIPPS . . .	" " " 12.
" FREDERICK D. ELY	" " " 13.
" ABRAHAM G. HART	" " " 14.
" RUSSELL MATTHEWS	" " " 15.

R.W. Leavitt Bates	D.D.G. Master Dist. No. 16.
" John Viall	" " " 17.
" George Robinson	" " " 18.
" Frank Morton	" " " 19.
W. Rev. Joshua Young	Grand Chaplain.
" F. Lyman Winship	" Marshal.
" Thomas Waterman	" Lecturers.
" Charles M. Avery	
" Marlborough Williams	Senior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas W. Davis	Junior " "
" John M. Rodocanachi	Senior " Steward.
" James Mills	Junior " Stewards.
" Nathaniel Greene	
" Henry N. Fisher	
" Joseph Winsor	Grand Sword-Bearer.
" Z. L. Bicknell	" Standard-Bearer.
" Otis E. Weld	" Pursuivants.
" Henry J. Parker	
R.W. Solon W. Stevens	*as* " Organist.
Bro. Frank E. Jones	" Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. William D. Coolidge	Past Grand Master.
" William Parkman	" " "
" Charles C. Dame	" " "
" Sereno D. Nickerson	" " "
" Percival L. Everett	" " "
" Lucius R. Paige	Past Deputy Grand Master.
" Charles Levi Woodbury	" " " "
" Bradford L. Wales	Past Grand Warden.
" Joel Spalding	" " "
" Henry Chickering	" " "
" William W. Baker	" " "
" William Sutton	" " "
" Samuel P. Oliver	" " "
" William F. Salmon	" " "
" Samuel C. Lawrence	" " "
" Charles Kimball	" " "
" Henry Endicott	" " "
" Daniel W. Lawrence	" " "
" Isaac H. Wright	" " "

R.W. Wyzeman Marshall . . .	Past	Grand	Warden.
" Ivory H. Pope	"	"	"
" Elijah W. Burr	"	"	"
" Lucius W. Lovell	"	"	"
" Daniel Upton	"	"	"

BRETHREN ON STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE PRESENT.

W. Henry A. Whitney.
" Samuel W. Creech, Jr.
" Solomon A. Bolster.
W. Frederick T. Comee.
" Joel Seaverns.
Bro. John Carr.

VISITING BRETHREN.

R.W. John V. Ellis, P.G. Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.
" Thomas M. Reed, Permanent Member of Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

LODGES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

Aberdour	James C. Tucker . .	Master.
	F. H. Spring	Junior Warden.
Adelphi	William Park, Jr. . .	Master.
	Charles J. Noyes . .	Senior Warden.
Alfred Baylies . .	Horatio H. Hall . . .	Master.
Alpha	L. M. Butler	Junior Warden.
Amicable	William L. Lathrop .	Master.
	James K. Odell . . .	Junior Warden.
Amity	A. F. Welch	Senior Warden.
Ancient Landmark .	William F. Salmon. .	Proxy.
Ancient York . . .	Hamilton Burrage . .	Master.
	Charles Runels . . .	Senior Warden.
Artisan	E. J. Fuller	Senior Warden.
	George M. Whitney .	Proxy.
Athelstan	H. D. Dadmun . . .	Master.
	N. G. Tucker . . .	Proxy.
Athol	J. H. Hoskins . . .	Master.
Aurora	George S. Richardson .	Junior Warden.
	George W. Cann . .	Proxy.
Baalbec	Thomas Kellough . .	Master.
	Andrew P. Fisher . .	Senior Warden.

BELMONT	W. M. Nassau . . .	Master.
	George W. Ware, Jr. .	Junior Warden.
BETHANY	Ora O. Little . . .	Master.
	Ralph H. Sargent . .	Junior Warden.
BETHEL	John W. Felton . . .	Master.
BETHESDA (Brighton)	Austin Bigelow . . .	Master.
	Samuel N. Davenport .	Senior Warden.
	J. W. Farmer . . .	Junior Warden.
BETHESDA (Valparaiso)	T. G. Wadman . . .	Proxy.
BETH-HORON	R. G. F. Candage . .	Master.
	T. W. Clements . .	Junior Warden.
BLACKSTONE RIVER .	Leonard T. Gaskill .	Master.
BRISTOL	A. E. Codding . . .	Master.
	J. A. Codding . . .	Junior Warden.
CALEB BUTLER . . .	Arthur Fenner . . .	Master.
CHARLES A. WELCH .	Victor E. Haserick . .	Junior Warden.
CHARLES C. DAME . .	S. F. Malbon . . .	Proxy.
CHARLES H. TITUS .	George H. Rhodes . .	Master.
	W. O. Snow	Junior Warden.
CHARLES RIVER . .	George H. Daniels . .	Master.
	C. P. Harding . . .	Senior Warden.
	G. M. Farrington . .	Junior Warden.
CHARLES W. MOORE .	George B. Woodward .	Master.
COCHICHEWICK . . .	T. K. Gilman . . .	Junior Warden.
COLUMBIAN	W. M. Cameron . .	Junior Warden.
CONCORDIA	James A. Lewis . .	Master.
	Levi M. Snow . . .	Proxy.
CONSTELLATION . . .	C. C. Nichols . . .	Master.
CORINTHIAN	G. Arthur Gray . . .	Master.
	Charles E. Brown . .	Senior Warden.
	Edward C. Damon . .	Proxy.
CORNER-STONE . . .	Thomas Alden . . .	Master.
	F. Wadsworth . . .	Senior Warden.
DALHOUSIE	J. B. Fuller	Master.
DELTA	John M. Walsh . . .	Master.
	D. J. Pierce	Junior Warden.
DE WITT CLINTON . .	W. A. Nye	Master.
DORIC	Parkman Nourse . .	Master.
	T. D. Hapgood . . .	Junior Warden.
EDEN	Charles S. Robinson .	Senior Warden.
ELEUSIS	S. A. Bigelow . . .	Senior Warden.

ELIOT	D. H. Barnard	Senior Warden.
EUREKA	Ansel G. Baker	Master.
	William T. Soule	Senior Warden.
EXCELSIOR	George W. Wiggin	Master.
EZEKIEL BATES	H. N. Mason	Senior Warden.
	Benjamin P. King	Junior Warden.
	E. S. Capron	Proxy.
FAITH	B. F. Stacey	Master.
FELLOWSHIP	Edward Sawyer	Master.
	D. C. Ford	Junior Warden.
FRANKLIN	Benjamin F. Gibson	Master.
FRATERNAL	George J. Miller	Proxy.
FRATERNITY	William W. Keith	Master.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE	Alban S. Green	Master.
	Joseph R. Grose	Senior Warden.
	Samuel M. Bedlington	Junior Warden.
GERMANIA	Albert Gatter	Master.
GOLDEN FLEECE	George F. Allen	Senior Warden.
GRECIAN	M. N. Howe	Proxy.
HAMMATT	George E. Harrington	Master.
HAMPDEN	Edmund P. Kendrick	Master.
HENRY PRICE	Ira A. Worth	Master.
HIRAM	George W. Storer	Junior Warden.
HOPE	Marcus H. Howe	Master.
	Henry H. Adams	Junior Warden.
HUELEN	Warren B. Ellis	Proxy.
HYDE PARK	Charles H. Colby	Master.
	C. C. Gregg	Junior Warden.
IONIC (Taunton)	A. B. Atwood	Master.
IONIC (Easthampton)	J. A. Loomis	Senior Warden.
ISAAC PARKER	L. C. Lane	Master.
	Z. H. Cobleigh	Senior Warden.
	Chas. H. D. Stockbridge	Junior Warden.
JAMES OTIS	Freeman H. Lothrop	Master.
JERUSALEM	W. C. Robinson	Proxy.
JOHN ABBOTT	Charles J. Richardson	Master.
	Robert Laycock	Junior Warden.
JOHN CUTLER	A. F. Kelley	Master.
	Joseph F. French	Senior Warden.
JOHN HANCOCK	R. H. Shiels	Master.
	H. W. Hall	Senior Warden.
	E. F. Johnson	Junior Warden.

JOHN T. HEARD . .	Andrew Geyer . . .	Master.
JOHN WARREN . . .	Frederick Whittemore	Master.
	Francis E. Tucker . .	Senior Warden.
	C. E. Wheeler . . .	Junior Warden.
JORDAN	George Randall . . .	Senior Warden.
JOSEPH WARREN . .	James M. Gleason . .	Master.
	Leonard M. Averell .	Junior Warden.
JOSEPH WEBB . . .	D. T. Brigham . . .	Senior Warden.
KILWINNING	Charles F. Young . .	Master.
KING CYRUS	W. F. Walker . . .	Master.
	J. C. Chase	Senior Warden.
KING DAVID	Abner Coleman . . .	Master.
	George F. Soule . .	Senior Warden.
	Lorenzo Luce . . .	Junior Warden.
KING HIRAM	M. N. Gifford . . .	Master.
KING PHILIP	J. L. Buffington . .	Master.
KING SOLOMON . . .	Alfred C. Hall . . .	Master.
	L. P. True	Junior Warden.
KONOHASSETT . . .	David Bates	Master.
	M. B. Stetson . . .	Junior Warden.
LAFAYETTE (Boston Highlands) . . .	John O. Smith . . .	Master.
LIBERTY	Isaac N. Edgett . . .	Master.
MARINE	W. H. Hewins . . .	Senior Warden.
	George W. Fish . . .	Proxy.
MARINERS	John M. Handy . . .	Proxy.
MARTHA'S VINEYARD .	Andrew Hillman . .	Master.
MASSACHUSETTS . .	Samuel W. Creech, Jr.	Master.
MAY FLOWER . . .	B. F. Tripp	Proxy.
MERIDIAN	Silas H. Bent . . .	Master.
	L. A. Beckwith . . .	Senior Warden.
MERRIMACK	George V. Ladd . .	Master.
	D. J. Flanders . . .	Senior Warden.
MIZPAH	J. S. Sawyer	Master.
	J. G. Thorogood . .	Junior Warden.
MONITOR	W. Shakespeare . .	Master.
MONTACUTE	George D. Boyden . .	Master.
MONTGOMERY . . .	Daniel Reed	Master.
	S. A. Eastman . . .	Senior Warden.
MORNING STAR . . .	Edwin S. Pike . . .	Master.
	H. A. Southwick . .	Senior Warden.

MOSAIC	Charles Newhall . .	Master.
	Samuel S. Sawyer . .	Senior Warden.
MOUNT HERMON . .	E. W. Hayes . . .	Junior Warden.
MOUNT HOLLIS . . .	George M. French . .	Senior Warden.
MOUNT HOPE . . .	Nathan B. Everett . .	Senior Warden.
	George Blackwell . .	Junior Warden.
MOUNT HOREB (Woburn)	Charles A. Jones . .	Master.
MOUNT HOREB (West Harwich)	Erastus Chase . . .	Senior Warden.
MOUNT LEBANON . .	Albert L. Richardson .	Master.
	Charles J. Miller . .	Senior Warden.
MOUNT OLIVET . . .	Lemuel Kempton . .	Master.
	M. J. Farrell . . .	Senior Warden.
MOUNT TABOR . . .	Charles H. Foss . .	Senior Warden.
	George F. Blake . .	Junior Warden.
MOUNT TOM	Lewis M. Richards .	Senior Warden.
MOUNT VERNON . .	William F. Chester .	Master.
	L. H. Peters	Senior Warden.
	H. K. Oliver	Junior Warden.
MOUNT LION	W. H. Osgood . . .	Master.
	W. W. Stacey . . .	Senior Warden.
MUMFORD RIVER . .	Andrew J. Thayer . .	Master.
NARRAGANSETT . . .	Charles F. Tripp . .	Senior Warden.
NORFOLK	Edgar H. Bowers . .	Senior Warden.
NORFOLK UNION . .	J. F. Southworth . .	Proxy.
NORTH STAR	C. F. Grout	Master.
	W. F. Merritt . . .	Junior Warden.
OLD COLONY	Charles T. Burr . .	Master.
OLIVE BRANCH . . .	George J. Dudley . .	Senior Warden.
	O. N. Carpenter . .	Junior Warden.
ORANGE	A. L. Shattuck . . .	Master.
	George A. Drake . .	Senior Warden.
	J. A. Titus	Junior Warden.
ORIENT	Walter C. Shapleigh .	Senior Warden.
ORPHAN'S HOPE . .	I. H. Humphrey . .	Master.
	F. A. Bicknell . . .	Senior Warden.
OXFORD	L. H. Cudworth . .	Master.
PALESTINE	Columbus Corey . .	Master.
	Nathan Nichols . . .	Senior Warden.
PAUL REVERE . . .	Fred L. Trow . . .	Master.
	J. A. Jackson . . .	Senior Warden.

PENTUCKET	W. R. Batchelder . .	Master.
PEQUOSSETTE . . .	Charles H. Bradlee .	Master.
	Benjamin H. Dow . .	Senior Warden.
	Isaac Harrington . .	Junior Warden.
PHŒNICIAN	Andrew Sharpe . . .	Master.
	William D. Lamb . .	Junior Warden.
PIONEER	Edward A. Courtney .	Master.
	H. T. Crosby . . .	Junior Warden.
	John G. Tinkham . .	Proxy.
PLYMOUTH	Charles I. Litchfield .	Master.
PURITAN	Edward Keating . .	Master.
PUTNAM	H. K. Appleton, Jr. .	Senior Warden.
PYTHAGOREAN . . .	George B. Nye . . .	Senior Warden.
	A. B. Conro	Proxy.
QUINSIGAMOND . . .	D. M. Earle	Master.
	Theodore C. Bates . .	Junior Warden.
RABBONI	Jerome Smith . . .	Master.
	Charles H. Mayo . .	Junior Warden.
REPUBLICAN	James R. Long . . .	Master.
REVERE	F. T. Dwinell . . .	Master.
RISING STAR	J. H. May	Master.
ROBERT LASH . . .	Benjamin F. Dodge . .	Master.
ROSWELL LEE . . .	Charles C. Spellman .	Master.
	D. W. Ware	Junior Warden.
SAINT ALBAN'S . . .	George S. Wheeler .	Senior Warden.
SAINT ANDREW'S . .	Henry A. Whitney . .	Master.
SAINT BERNARD . .	H. C. Williams . . .	Master.
	John Blair	Proxy.
SAINT JOHN'S (Boston)	Martin A. Munroe . .	Master.
SAINT MARK'S . . .	George W. Creasy . .	Master.
	George H. Geary . .	Junior Warden.
SAINT PAUL (Ayer) .	John E. Dickerman .	Junior Warden.
	E. Dana Bancroft . .	Proxy.
SAINT PAUL'S (South Boston)	Charles T. Gallagher .	Master.
SILOAM	George L. Smith . .	Master.
SIMON W. ROBINSON .	Everett S. Locke . .	Master.
	Q. Bicknell, Jr. . . .	Junior Warden.
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE .	O. B. Seagrave . . .	Master.
SPENCER	James H. Ames . . .	Master.
	L. F. Spencer . . .	Junior Warden.
	Frank M. Hall . . .	Proxy.

STAR IN THE EAST	E. C. Gardiner	Master.
STAR OF BETHLEHEM	Frederick L. Cutting	Master.
STARR KING	A. B. Russell	Master.
	Lewis Hunt	Senior Warden.
TRINITY	G. W. Goss	Master.
	Henry McGown	Senior Warden.
	Charles Frazer	Proxy.
UNION (Dorchester)	Otis Eddy	Master.
VERNON	William H. Bridgman	Master.
WARREN	William Smeath	Master.
WASHINGTON	B. F. Ayres	Master.
	John Carr	Senior Warden.
	L. B. Dutton	Junior Warden.
WEBSTER	S. B. Childs	Master.
	E. P. Morton	Senior Warden.
WILDER	F. H. Shaw	Master.
	Thos. J. Ames	Junior Warden.
WILLIAM NORTH	Elisha H. Shaw	Master.
	Edward A. Salmon	Senior Warden.
WILLIAM PARKMAN	George S. Littlefield	Junior Warden.
WILLIAM SUTTON	George C. Stewart	Master.
	James B. Oliver	Senior Warden.
	Charles H. Sweetser	Junior Warden.
	Albert H. Sweetser	Proxy.
WINSLOW LEWIS	John A. Conkey	Master.
	G. B. Macomber	Senior Warden.
WYOMING	Charles H. Edmonds	Master.
	G. M. Thomas	Senior Warden.
	Thomas McCoubry	Junior Warden.
ZETLAND	E. H. Barton	Master.
	Alfred F. Chapman	Senior Warden.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM, at two o'clock, P. M., with prayer by W. Bro. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain, and singing.

The records of the Quarterly Communication of Sept. 11, 1878, and the Special Communication of Sept. 13 and Oct. 3, 1878, were approved without

reading, having been distributed among the members in printed form.

The records of the Special Communication, Nov. 1, 1878, were read and approved.

Proxies from the following Lodges were presented, and the Brethren named therein were recognized accordingly: —

MOUNT CARMEL LODGE, Lynn, in favor of BRO. CHARLES M. MARSTON.

KING HIRAM LODGE, Provincetown, in favor of BRO. JOHN M. CROCKER.

PYTHAGOREAN LODGE, Marion, in favor of BRO. ADELBERT B. CONRO.

NORFOLK UNION LODGE, Randolph, in favor of BRO. J. S. SOUTHWORTH.

MARINER'S LODGE, Cotuit, in favor of BRO. JOHN M. HARDY.

JERUSALEM LODGE, Northampton, in favor of W. BRO. WM. C. ROBINSON.

AURORA LODGE, Fitchburg, in favor of BRO. GEORGE W. CANN.

CONCORDIA LODGE, Fairhaven, in favor of BRO. LEVI M. SNOW.

ACONCAGUA LODGE, Valparaiso, in favor of BRO. INCREASE S. POTE.

BETHESDA LODGE, Valparaiso, in favor of BRO. THEOPHILUS G. WADMAN.

A communication from R.W. William S. Gardner, resigning his position as a member of the Board of Directors, was read.

The Grand Master read his Annual Report.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE: — From the Returns of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and my own more limited

observation, I am able to state to you that the general condition of the Lodges throughout the State is satisfactory. The Ritual is correctly, and, what seems to me more important, is impressively rendered; the Records of the Lodges are correctly kept; harmony prevails; and the duty which each Mason owes to the Institution is freely acknowledged. Never has Masonry held a more respectable position before the community. There has not been a larger decrease for the last few years in the number of those asking admittance to the degrees than might have been expected from the long continuing disturbed financial condition of the country. The number of initiates during the year ending Aug. 31, 1875, was 1,418; during the year ending Aug. 31, 1876, 1,307; during the year ending Aug. 31, 1877, 1,065; during the year ending Aug. 31, 1878, 982. The number of members Aug. 31, 1877, was 26,214; the number of members Aug., 1878, 25,742. The present number of chartered Lodges is two hundred and twenty-one, being an increase of two during the year, and there are two under dispensation. There exists probably a disposition to investigate with more care than formerly the character of those who apply for the degrees, and to strengthen the Masonic Institution in the State rather by the quality than the number of its initiates. We all, indeed, should feel that now, when those opposed to Masonry are fewer in number and generally of less standing in the community than formerly, there is more danger that undeserving persons may seek admission for the sake of the supposed influence it may give them, or the assistance to be derived from it in attaining some other object of their ambition. Under the present condition of things we should hesitate to grant dispensations for new Lodges, unless the necessity is very apparent. The Brethren who desire to form a new Lodge are apt to underestimate the expenses and other difficulties connected with its formation, and in conse-

quence the new Lodge, when chartered or under dispensation, is obliged, for the sake of gaining strength and meeting its liabilities, to admit persons who would under other circumstances have been rejected.

I deem it proper, in this connection, to impress upon you the importance of taking great care not to invade each other's jurisdiction. If more care had been taken by the officers of Lodges in this respect, some of the difficulties which have arisen in past years would have been avoided, and the harmony which should exist between the different Lodges would have been less often endangered. In the cases, however, which have come to my knowledge, I have commonly found a generous willingness on both sides to repair and forgive errors in the true spirit of Masonic charity.

In some districts too great laxity has been allowed by the D.D.G. Masters in granting dispensations for conferring the degrees within the time directed by the Grand Constitutions. The rules established by the Constitutions are, as it seems to me, founded in good sense, and should not be departed from except in very extreme cases, and not even then beyond a limited extent. The mere convenience of the Lodge or of the candidate; the fact that the candidate is about to go on a journey of six or eight months; or that, intending to be absent for a longer time, he thinks that Masonry may be of advantage to him in the place or places he visits, and so suddenly comes to the resolution to ask for the degrees, — is not, in my opinion, a sufficient reason for granting a dispensation. I have expressed my opinion upon this matter more in detail to the District Deputies, not only to put a stop to a course of proceeding which sometimes caused difficulties between the Lodges, but that the system followed might be uniform throughout the State. If any Brethren are inclined to think that there is too great strict-

ness in this matter, the blame must not fall upon the District Deputies, but upon your Grand Master. Of course, if the Grand Lodge differs in opinion from me, and will express its opinion, I shall cheerfully yield my own.

Another matter to which I wish to call the attention of the Brethren is the tendency lately manifested to publish in newspapers detailed reports of Masonic proceedings. It is nearly allied to the fondness sometimes manifested for Masonic parades. What I wish to say in this respect has been so well said by one of my predecessors, and is so cordially concurred in by me, that I shall use his language: "I believe it to be for the interest of the Institution to avoid publicity as far as possible. . . . Nothing will more truly maintain the dignity and high importance of Masonry than a return to the good old practices of our fathers; to guard with jealous care the work of the Lodge and everything connected with it; to keep and conceal it from the profane absolutely, and to communicate it only to those of the Craft entitled to know, and to them only under proper circumstances, and with the most careful restrictions; to avoid appearing in public as Masons, except upon strictly Masonic occasions, and those of the highest importance, sanctioned by long usage; never to write or print Masonic intelligence for the gratification of the profane or the vanity of the initiated. We have wandered from this high standard, and the return may be difficult; but I am convinced that the closer we confine Masonic affairs to Masonic breasts, the better it will be for the Fraternity and its reputation."

Convinced that the doctrine so well stated by a Past Grand Master is the true doctrine, not only as it touches upon the publication of our proceedings to the world in general, but in relation to public Masonic displays, I have on two or more occasions declined to grant dispensations to Lodges to partici-

pate with other societies in public parades, and I wish that the publication in newspapers, other than Masonic, of the details of Masonic proceedings be discontinued by those who have the government of the Lodges.

The Digest of Masonic Law, as collected from the decisions of this Grand Lodge and the opinions of those who have been eminent in the State for Masonic learning, has been published by the committee, of which R.W. Bro. Tracy P. Cheever is chairman, and is to-day ready for delivery. The Grand Constitutions, as amended, are published with it. The Board of Directors have fixed the price of the book at one dollar. It will be of great value to the Fraternity, and probably every member of the Grand Lodge will find it useful to possess a copy.

Brethren, since our last Quarterly Communication we have lost, by death, two of the most valuable officers of the Grand Lodge,—our Grand Treasurer and our Recording Grand Secretary. The two seats which have been so long occupied by those well-known Brethren are now occupied by others. Never again in this room shall we see the familiar form of the one, or receive the kindly greeting of the other. Brother John McClellan died on the 29th day of September last. He attended our last Quarterly Communication, held September 11; but he appeared to be suffering a good deal, and needed the assistance of some of his Brethren in getting home. After that day he never left his house; the last business which he transacted out of it was attending to his duty here, as Grand Treasurer; and thus a long Masonic life, in which many important trusts had been discharged with a fidelity never swerving one instant from the narrow path of rectitude, was most fittingly closed. From December, 1861, till September 29, 1878, the day of his death, he held the office of Grand Treasurer, and the votes by which

he was annually reëlected, either unanimous or nearly so, attest the respect which the Fraternity felt for him, and for that sturdy honesty and independence which characterized him. In pursuance of a notice, issued to the Brethren September 30, a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held, and the usual Lodge services were performed. Subsequently, at St. Paul's Church, in this city, and after the religious ceremonies were over, a part of the Masonic burial-services was performed, and the remainder at his grave in Mount Auburn Cemetery. The records of that Communication have been published, and resolutions in regard to our Brother's decease will no doubt be to-day presented by the committee appointed at that Communication.

On the same day of the next month I made a similar announcement to the Brethren, of the death of our Recording Grand Secretary, and this Grand Lodge was again called upon to deplore the loss of a beloved Brother. After a long illness, which in fact commenced some time before I held my present office, and after a confinement to his house of six months, patiently and even cheerfully submitted to, Brother Titus passed quietly and gently away, at 2, P.M., on Tuesday, the 29th day of October last. He was buried in the South Cemetery, in Warren, R.I., for he, whose life had always been a sunny one, whose cheerful, friendly manners we all knew so well, desired, as he himself expressed it, "to be buried on the sunny side of the Narragansett." By permission of the Grand Master of Rhode Island, this Grand Lodge performed the burial-services, partly in the Methodist Church, at Warren, R.I., partly at the grave. Near the spot where our Brother rests is the monument which covers the remains of another distinguished member of this Grand Lodge, a Past Grand Master, — the Rt. Rev. George M. Randall, Bishop of Colorado, who died in that distant State but

was brought home and buried in Warren, his native town. I have read in a Providence paper so true a description of the closing scene at the grave, while the family and his Brethren had gathered around it, and voices which he had often listened to with delight in life were singing a last farewell, that I must be pardoned for quoting it: "The casket was lowered to its last resting-place, and, as the descent began, the sun suddenly sank behind the only strip of fleecy cloud that bespecked the sky, as if to indicate that the sun was sinking for the last time on the earthly scenes of the deceased. When the casket had been fully placed in the grave, the sun shone forth in all its resplendent glory, typical of the resurrection and the bright hereafter."

I have on a former occcasion expressed briefly my appreciation of the character and virtues of our deceased Brother, and resolutions will be presented at this Communication by the committee appointed at the last. The Fraternity in Rhode Island, where a considerable portion of his Masonic life was spent, and the religious denomination of which he was a highly esteemed member, united with us in doing honor to his memory, and eloquent tributes were paid to his character by his clerical brethren. Among those Masons who joined with us in these funeral ceremonies were the Grand Master and other officers and past officers of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island; St. John's Commandery, of Providence; Washington Lodge, of Warren; Charles H. Titus Lodge, of Taunton, of which he was a charter member; and a delegation of King David Lodge, of Taunton, in which he was admitted to the Masonic degrees. Never was the intimate Masonic friendship which unites the Grand Lodges of Rhode Island and Massachusetts more fully exemplified; never was the hospitality, for which our Rhode Island Brethren are distinguished, more liberally

bestowed, than upon this Grand Lodge, in Warren, on that occasion; and whenever memory calls up the sad recollections of that autumn day, the kindness of our Rhode Island Brethren will be blended with and soften the picture.

On the 14th day of last month one of the oldest Masons, perhaps the oldest Mason, in this State, R.W. Abraham A. Dame, died in this city. He was buried on Sunday, the 17th, with full Templar services by Boston Commandery, — a Commandery to which this Grand Lodge is under much obligation for assistance at the funerals of Brothers John McClellan and Frank Welch. Brother Dame was exceedingly well versed in the Rituals of the various Masonic Bodies to which he had belonged, and, being remarkable for the tenacity of his memory, could repeat, as he often said, the Ritual in each degree and order, as used in his younger days. His attachment to Masonry was great; he always attended the Communications of this Grand Lodge, of which he was at the time of his death the oldest member, having been elected Junior Grand Warden in 1828, and having been subsequently Senior Grand Warden and Deputy Grand Master. The last Communication which his health allowed him to attend was the Quarterly one of June 14, 1876. His interest in the Fraternity remained, however, unabated as long as his life lasted; and he often expressed that interest to his Masonic Brethren when they visited him during his last illness. A delegation of the Grand Lodge, composed of R.W. Brothers Parkman and Marshall, and W. Brother Creech, attended his funeral.

On the second day of the present month another permanent member of this Grand Lodge, the Rev. E. M. P. Wells, died in Boston, in the eighty-sixth year of his age. He was appointed D.G. Master in 1844, and served in that capacity one year, while R.W. Augustus Peabody was G. Master. He also was

several years, and at different times, one of our Grand Chaplains. The last Communication which he attended was the Special Communication in September of last year, when the monument erected on Boston Common was dedicated. To a tall, manly figure and somewhat soldierly bearing, he united a sterling sincerity, freedom from selfishness, and religious humility. To the poor, among whom he used to labor, and who never had a better friend and pastor, his devotion was admirable. Though rich only in good works, he cared not only for their spiritual, but their temporal wants, and was ever ready to sacrifice his own comfort to supply their necessities of food and clothing. If he had lived in a Catholic country, and in the days when that Church was sending forth her missionaries, to brave every hardship and encounter every peril, to spread the faith which they loved so well amongst distant and unknown nations, he, too, would have enlisted in the cause, and there would not have been found among them a more fearless soldier of the cross when personal danger was to be met, a more humble follower of others when mere personal distinction was to be gained. R.W. Brothers Coolidge, Cheever, and myself attended his funeral in St. Paul's Church; as a delegation from this Body, Brother Coolidge accompanying the mourners to his burial-place in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.

On the 24th of June last, the Grand Lodge, by invitation of the City Government of Worcester, attended the ceremonies arranged for the removal of the remains of R.W. Isaiah Thomas, who was Grand Master of this Grand Lodge in the early part of this century, and performed appropriate services at the reinterment in Rural Cemetery, Worcester. The city of Worcester thus honored one who had been a distinguished citizen. A full account of the Masonic portion of the ceremonies has been published in our Proceedings.

On the 13th of September last the Grand Lodge performed the burial-services, at Forest Hills Cemetery, over the remains of R.W. Brother Frank Welch, Past Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska. The body was brought here from Omaha at the expense of the State of Nebraska, whose representative in Congress he was at the time of his decease, to be buried with his relatives in his native State, and was accompanied by a delegation of Masons, headed by the Grand Master of Masons in Nebraska. The death of Brother Frank Welch was a great loss to the Masons of Nebraska and his fellow-citizens, with whom he was deservedly popular; but such occasions, mournful as the cause of them is, show how strong the ties are which bind together the most distant parts of our country, and how useful Masonry is in strengthening those ties.

Besides what I have already stated, the following Masonic work has been performed during the year: —

January 2, visited Beth-horon Lodge, of Brookline, and installed the officers.

January 14, visited Mizpah Lodge, of Cambridgeport, and witnessed the installation of its officers.

January 21, visited Massachusetts Lodge, of Boston, and installed W. Brother Samuel Wells as Grand Pursuivant, he having been unable to be present on St. John's Day.

January 30, visited Joseph Webb Lodge, of Boston.

February 15, dedicated the hall of Orient Lodge, at Norwood, and installed the officers.

April 16, constituted St. George Lodge, at Brockton, and installed the officers.

April 18, assisted in the installation of the officers of Belmont Lodge, Belmont.

April 26, visited Quinsigamond Lodge, of Worcester, with other members of the Grand Lodge.

May 4, constituted Mumford River Lodge, of East Douglas, at the Masonic Temple, and installed the officers.

June 5, visited St. John's Lodge, of Boston, and witnessed the work of the Lodge.

June 10, visited Mt. Lebanon Lodge, of Boston, and witnessed the work.

June 13, visited Washington Lodge, of Roxbury, and witnessed the work.

June 21, visited Joseph Webb Lodge, of Boston, and witnessed the installation of the officers.

October 1, visited Revere Lodge, of Boston, and installed Bro. Samuel Wells as Grand Treasurer.

October 10, visited Rising Star Lodge, of Stoughton, and witnessed the work.

October 17, visited Mt. Tabor Lodge, of East Boston, and witnessed the work.

November 11, visited Mt. Lebanon Lodge, of Boston, and installed R.W. Tracy P. Cheever as Recording Grand Secretary.

November 13, visited Constellation Lodge, of Dedham, and witnessed the work.

On the 10th of July, during my absence on my way to Europe, to pass a few weeks, the Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Brother Howland, with other officers of the Grand Lodge, laid, with Masonic Ceremonial, the corner-stone of a new town hall at Holbrook, by invitation of the town authorities.

DISPENSATION FOR NEW LODGES.

I have granted the following Dispensations for new Lodges, and appointed the Brethren named as Masters and Wardens. Each of the petitions for Dispensation was recommended by the Lodge situated nearest to the place where the new Lodge

was to be located, and was countersigned by the District Deputy Grand Master having jurisdiction.

MECHANICS' LODGE, Turner's Falls. (Forty petitioners.)

R. N. OAKMAN, JR. . .	Master.
C. E. CRAW	Senior Warden.
A. O. WYMAN . . .	Junior Warden.

Dispensation granted January 18, 1878; returnable at the Quarterly Communication in March, 1879.

NOQUOCHOKE LODGE, South Westport. (Sixteen petitioners.)

LAWRANCE S. SMITH	Master.
THEODORE TRIPP	Senior Warden.
JAMES ALLEN	Junior Warden.

Dispensation granted September 11, 1878; returnable at the Quarterly Communication in September, 1879.

I declined to grant a dispensation to Brethren in Cooleyville to form a new Lodge, because I came to the conclusion, after a very careful consideration of the whole matter, that there would not be sufficient material within its jurisdiction, if established, to afford a reasonable prospect of its being maintained in good condition.

The two new Lodges which have been constituted during the year are St. George Lodge, at Brockton, and Mumford River Lodge, at East Douglas.

Special warrants have been issued as follows: —

To R.W. John E. Shipman, Past District Deputy Grand Master, to install into his office R.W. John A. Hall, District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 10.

To R.W. Edward J. Sawyer, Past District Deputy Grand Master, to install into his office R.W. Brother Henry M. Humphrey, District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 8.

To R.W. Selwyn Z. Bowman, District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 2, to formally heal Seth Winslow, of Somerville, in accordance with a vote of the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in March, 1878.

To R.W. Frank Morton, District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 19, to formally heal George E. Nelson, of Brockton, in accordance with a vote of the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in March, 1878.

To R.W. John A. Hall, District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 10, to dedicate a new Masonic Hall, for Morning Sun Lodge, at Conway.

Returns made on Special Warrants: —

By returns made on the foregoing Special Warrants, it appears, —

That R.W. John A. Hall was duly installed into his office of District Deputy Grand Master, within the body of Roswell Lee Lodge, at Springfield, on Saturday, the 5th day of January, 1878, by R.W. John E. Shipman.

That R.W. Henry M. Humphrey was duly installed into his office of District Deputy Grand Master, within the body of Hope Lodge, at Gardner, on Tuesday, the 15th day of January, 1878, by R.W. Edward J. Sawyer.

That Seth Winslow was formally healed by taking upon himself the several obligations of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft, and Master Mason, administered in solemn form by R.W. Selwyn Z. Bowman, within the body of John Abbot Lodge, at Somerville, on Tuesday, the 2d day of April, 1878.

That George E. Nelson was formally healed by taking upon himself the several obligations of Entered Apprentice, Fellow-Craft, and Master Mason, administered in solemn form by R.W. Frank Morton, within the body of Paul Revere Lodge, at Brockton, on Tuesday, the 7th day of May, 1878.

The warrant granted to R.W. Bro. John A. Hall to dedicate a new Hall for Morning Sun Lodge, at Conway, has not yet been executed.

The Brethren have learned, by what I have already stated, that on the 1st day of October I installed Bro. Samuel Wells as Grand Treasurer, and, on the 11th day of November, Bro. Tracy P. Cheever as Recording Grand Secretary. In making each of these appointments I endeavored to make such a selection as, under all the circumstances of the case, would be for the best interest of the Grand Lodge. I considered myself extremely fortunate to find a person willing to accept the office of Grand Treasurer, who was so competent to fill the place as Bro. Wells. Bro. McClellan's death, at a time when the District Deputies were making their returns, and so near this Annual Communication, embarrassed me very much; but Bro. Wells, in a very short time after his appointment, by his industry and business ability, relieved me from all care and anxiety. Bro. Cheever's knowledge of Masonic law, his scholarship and literary ability, and his high standing in the community, are known to you all.

For information with regard to the Library I refer you to the report of the Chairman of the Library Committee. He has devoted much time this year to completing the Proceedings of the various Grand Bodies and the series of Masonic Periodicals. My thanks are due to him and Bro. Charles H. Titus for the assistance rendered me by each of them, while the Recording Grand Secretary was kept at home by illness. The Masonic experience of the former was always at my service, and I could rely upon Bro. Titus's care to remind me of the Masonic business which needed my attention, and upon the accuracy of his scholarship to discern and correct errors into which I might fall through haste or carelessness.

By the vote of the Grand Lodge at its last Quarterly Com-

munication I was authorized to receive contributions from the Lodges, and apply them to the relief of those of our Fraternity who were sufferers by yellow fever in the South-west. Beside the $502.50 sent before that Communication, $500 of which was contributed by the Grand Lodge, I have received from Lodges and individuals, $1,339.92. $300 I have already sent forward. The balance, $1,039.92, is deposited with the New England Trust Company, where it draws a small interest. I found that sufficient money had been sent forward to supply the existing wants of the sufferers. It seems probable that by and by we may learn of families, widows, or orphans, left destitute, and in need of assistance.

I have authorized the Grand Treasurer to pay the expenses of the meetings of the District Deputies and Lecturers, including the meeting held to-day. They have all been paid, and are as follows: —

Expense of meeting	in March, 1878	$46 80
" "	in June, 1878	40 50
" "	in September, 1878 . . .	31 00
" "	in December, 1878. . .	35 50
Total	. . . . .	$153 80

There was no expense incurred for the meeting in December, 1877.

These expenses are included, of course, in the summary from the Treasurer's books, which I am about to present you in the Directors' Report.

This report of the Directors is made in accordance with the Constitutions, Part I., Art. 1, Sect. 1, and is as follows: —

The Returns of the D.D.G. Masters for the present year, without deducting their travelling expenses, amounted to $28,-352.50. In the year 1877 they amounted to $28,648.75. Of

the amount received this year $21,156 came from the capitation tax; $7,135 from the annual fee and initiation fees paid to the Grand Lodge by each Lodge, under the Constitutions, Part I., Art. 1, Sect. 10. The travelling expenses of the District Deputies were $1,209.40. Two of them sent in no bill for travelling expenses.

Every floating debt payable before January 1, 1879, as far as known to the Grand Treasurer, where there has been a proper party to receive it, has been paid. There are no doubt a few outstanding. Heretofore, in reporting the debt of the Grand Lodge and its financial condition, the interest on the debt to the Provident Institution for Savings, which falls due on the 15th of this month, — $8,750, — has not been included. It has seemed more convenient, for the purpose of showing you the present exact financial condition of the Grand Lodge, to cause it to be paid a few days before it is payable, and thus to include it.

The following is a summary from the Grand Treasurer's books: —

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year	$16,169 87
Notes issued	19,000 00
Rents, taxes, gas, and heating	25,739 34
District Deputy Grand Masters	28,519 05
Dispensations, Charters, and Lodges under Dispensation	262 00
Sale of old material	14 00
	$89,704 26

EXPENSES.

Interest	$28,981 79	
Notes paid, including $6,000 paid Prov. Inst. for savings	39,000 00	
Insurance	1,956 26	
Taxes	4,579 84	
Expenses of D.D.G. Masters	1,375 90	
Printing, binding, and diplomas	1,525 14	
Masonic Digest	500 00	
Furniture and regalia	319 75	

Repairs	$439 47	
Heating, gas, and water . . .	2,545 81	
Care of Temple, including salaries of superintendent and his assistant .	2,636 15	
Salaries	2,750 00	
Charity	1,700 00	
Trial Commissioners	232 50	
Feast of St. John	216 50	
Funeral expenses	380 85	
Tyler, ice, etc.	82 50	
		$89,222 46
Balance of cash on hand		$481 80

The indebtedness of the Grand Lodge is as follows: —

Note and mortgage to the Provident Institution for Savings, due Dec. 15, 1880, at 7 per cent. per annum		$244,000 00
Notes to Masonic Bodies		31,550 00
		$275,550 00
There are due the salaries of the late Grand Treasurer and Recording Grand Secretary . . .		925 00
		$276,475 00
There is cash on hand . . .	$481 80	
Rents due	828 80	
		$1,310 60
		$275,164 40

The net indebtedness reported last year by the Grand Treasurer was	$278,925 91
If you add to this the interest which became due Dec. 15, 1877, and which has been paid this year, as well as the two instalments falling due June 15, and Dec. 15, 1878, namely	8,750 00
We find the entire indebtedness last year, made up as we have made it up this year . .	$287,675 91

Thus our indebtedness has been reduced this year by a little over $12,000; in other words, we are, at the end of this year, $12,000 better off than we were at the end of last year.

The Board of Directors have deemed it proper to reduce the salary of the Recording Grand Secretary from $2,500 to $2,000; he to bear the expense of keeping the two sets of Records, and to dispense with the services of an assistant. This reduces the expenses of the Grand Secretary's office from $3,100 to $2,000. The building, the heating apparatus, and the furniture are all in good condition, requiring at present apparently no great repairs. The superintendent, engineer, and the assistant superintendent have all faithfully performed their duties, and done everything in their power to keep the expenses connected with the Temple as low as possible.

The lease of the lower story and basement of the Temple, which is now at the rate of $10,000 per annum, expires May 1, 1879, and it will be impossible to renew it at so high a rate. Some of the other rents may have to be slightly reduced.

This ends the report of the Directors.

The most important question for the consideration of the Grand Lodge at the present time is the question, how the expenses of the Grand Lodge are to be met after the end of the coming year, when the capitation tax ceases.

In order that you may understand this matter fully, I propose to state to you what the annual receipts of the Grand Lodge and the current expenses in the year 1880 will probably be, without including the capitation tax, which will then have ceased. The question is one in which every member of the Grand Lodge, and every affiliated Mason in the Commonwealth, ought to feel as much interest as myself, although, from my position, the weight of the responsibility rests primarily upon me. It is a question which, when you selected me as your Grand Master, I knew that I should have to meet this day; a

question to which I alluded when, in accepting this office, I said, "there were difficulties I should have to encounter, and to encounter which successfully I should need your hearty coöperation;" a question, the consideration of which has given me far more anxiety than anything else in my official life. It is your right to know, and my duty to explain, as fully as in my power, your financial condition without any flattering embellishment or false coloring; it is my duty also to suggest some remedy for your judgment to act upon. No doubt in any estimate of future receipts and expenditures errors of detail may be made. But I have personally made so careful an examination, I am naturally so little over-sanguine, that I do not think that any errors of detail will affect the result so as to make it more *unfavorable* than I state it. It is to be remembered, also, that an error in an estimate in one direction will often be corrected by an error in another estimate in a different direction.

Let me first, however, make one admission. Many of the Brethren have understood that the capitation tax would, in the course of the thirteen years, which expire on the last of December, 1879, fully pay the debt, or so far extingush it as to place it within the control of the ordinary receipts of the Grand Lodge. They may naturally be surprised that I estimate the debt at the commencement of the year 1880 at about $265,000. It is true that your Grand Master, in his annual address of 1867, and a committee of this Grand Lodge, in a report made by them at the Quarterly Communication of March 13, 1867, stated that if the plan proposed, which was the one adopted, was carried out, in ten years from that time we should see "our Grand Lodge entirely free from debt;" that your Grand Master in 1870 also stated in his address, that "when the year 1880 arrives, when the capitation tax is to be at an end, the debt will be so far reduced that the rents and ordinary dues of the

Lodges will be amply sufficient to gradually diminish the debt and pay all our current liabilities." No such erroneous opinions have been expressed during the last seven years by those in authority; and if any one will examine the report and addresses in which these estimates are made, and the figures and explanations which accompany the estimates, many of the sources of error will at once appear. It is but just to remember, however, that the estimates were made and the opinions expressed in times of great inflation, when rents were in some instances twice as high as now, and every one seemed to think himself in possession of the Lamp of Aladdin.

I estimate that the debt of the Grand Lodge will be, January 1, 1880, — the year when we no longer have a capitation tax, — $265,000, or about $10,000 less than it is to-day; in other words, that it will be diminished next year somewhat less than it has been during last two or three years, as the rents will be less, though some of the expenses will be diminished.

I estimate the ordinary receipts as follows: —

Net returns of the Lodges, after deducting the travelling expenses of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and without the capitation tax	$6,000 00
Rents, including everything paid for heating and taxes; but not including gas, which I put upon neither side of this account, as what is received about pays for it.	17,000 00
Making the total receipts	$23,000 00

In making this estimate I have taken into consideration the fact that, in the present depressed condition of business, the lower story and basement cannot be let for so much as at present, and that the rents of some of the Masonic Bodies which meet in this building must be reduced if we wish to prolong their existence.

I estimate the expenditures as follows: —

Interest, about	$18,690 00
Taxes	4,579 84
Annual repairs	1,000 00
Insurance	1,400 00
Fuel	750 00
Engineer's salary	1,000 00
Superintendent $1,200, less $450, paid by Lodges	750 00
Assistant Superintendent	700 00
Cleaning Temple and furniture	500 00
Water-rate	50 00
Ice	25 00
Grand Treasurer's salary	500 00
Grand Secretary's office	2,000 00
Charity	1,700 00
Trial Commissioners	300 00
Printing, diplomas, and stationery	1,700 00
D.D.G. Masters' and Lecturers' Meetings	160 00
Ordinary expenses of Grand Lodge, including Tyler, engrossing charters, constituting Lodges, etc.	300 00
Extraordinary expenses	600 00
	36,704 84
To get an even sum, add	295 16
	37,000 00

In calculating these expenditures, assuming the debt in 1880 to be, as already stated, $265,000, by a reduction of $10,000 during the coming year — and the reduction will not be less — I take the interest at the rate of 7 per cent. If this Grand Lodge acts promptly, as I hope it will, on this subject, I have great hope of reducing this rate of interest. I have taken the taxes as assessed the present year. They have been reduced, on application to the assessors this year, very properly, $640. The average paid for this year's insurance is less than what I have stated; but the rate of insurance is now very low. Repairs are of course much greater one year than another, but $1,000 annually seems to others besides myself a fair estimate. In the matter of charity we must be more economical than we have been. It

is proper to be just before being generous, and our creditors have the first claim upon us. The other items require no comment.

The receipts, then, being $23,000 and the expenditures $37,000, during the year 1880, the excess of expenditures above receipts will be $14,000.

But if you had no Temple to take care of, and only your ordinary expenses to pay, your revenues would fall short of your expenses; for if you strike off all those expenses which are connected with this building, and reduce the Grand Treasurer's salary from $500 to $150 per annum, on the ground of his having less to do, the items of expenditure will amount to $6,710. And if you retain your library, pictures, etc., and hire a room for them and for the Grand Secretary, and a hall for your meetings and your Feast of St. John, it will cost you, in addition, $1,500 to $2,000; making your whole expenses $8,210 to $8,710. Calling your receipts from the Lodges, as I have heretofore called them, $6,000, you will run behindhand every year between $2,000 to $3,000, without a Temple.

What, then, shall be done? It is no time to discuss whether the erection of this building on this spot was a wise or unwise measure; whether greater economy could or could not have been used in its erection; upon what grounds it has, at some time heretofore, been stated, that the debt would be extinguished at the end of 1879, or so far extinguished that it would not be necessary for the Grand Lodge to make further extraordinary exertions for its reduction or payment. The only question is: What is to be done under the existing condition of things? The Grand Lodge is far better off than it was when the building was completed. Then the debt was $450,000; at the end of the next year it will be $265,000. The affiliated Masons in this Commonwealth then numbered 16,000; now they number over

25,000. True, we do not count in our ranks many men of great wealth. We boast, however, that the character of our Institution stands so high that princes in foreign countries are proud to patronize its mysteries and join its assemblies; that in every age and country men preëminent for their moral and intellectual attainments have promoted its interests; that in our own past history the most distinguished men have united a love of Masonry to a love of country; that at the present time Massachusetts Masonry and Massachusetts Masons are deservedly honored and looked upon with respect throughout the Union. Shall we, then, Masons of Massachusetts, be unwilling to make farther exertions to keep up the good name of an Institution, of which we profess to be so proud? Shall we allow our honor to be draggled in the dirt and dust of Insolvency?

Two courses only are open to us. One is, to abandon to our creditors and the hammer of the auctioneer this Temple, dear to most of us for the associations connected with it, the pleasant social intercourse enjoyed here; these pictures of our Grand Masters, presents from Lodges and friends; our library, gathered with so much care; our jewels, our relics, and our regalia,— for all will be needed to pay our debts under a forced sale; to disown the promise we made when the Grand Lodge pledged the faith of the Fraternity of the Commonwealth to sustain the Grand Master and Board of Directors in completing and paying for the Temple; to proclaim to the outer world our weakness and inability to pay our debts, — to speak more truly, our unwillingness to make any personal sacrifice for that purpose; the other, to adopt some plan of honestly meeting the difficulty. You will not hesitate. I have my own view of what should be done; but, before stating it, I make this recommendation: that a committee of one from each Masonic District be appointed to consider this subject, to confer with the Board of Directors, to examine the

statements and estimates in this address, and to report at the next Quarterly Communication such a plan as meets their views; this plan, or any other plan then suggested, to be acted upon without fail at the Quarterly Communication in June.

It seems to me, however, my duty to state what in my opinion ought to be done, so that you and this committee may have the benefit of it and take it for what it is worth. I advise that the capitation tax of one dollar per head be renewed for twelve additional years. It will yield at least $25,000 per year, there being now 25,742 Masons in the State. I have shown that the debt, at the commencement of 1880, will be not more than $265,000. The amount to be applied to payment of the principal of that debt at the end of that year will be not quite $11,000. If you adopt this plan the interest can be then reduced to six per cent., for it will be clear that the payment of the debt has been secured, and our present note to the Provident Institution for Savings will have fallen due and can be renewed at a lower rate. This interest will be calculated each succeeding year on a debt constantly decreasing, and a larger amount can be applied to the payment of the principal. At the end of the twelve years the debt will be reduced to about $40,598; the interest on that amount and your running expenses will amount to about $21,000, and your income, without the capitation tax, if no larger than in 1880, will be $23,000.

It is to be remembered, too, that a considerable number of the Brethren will very probably prefer to pay their whole tax at once, and this will produce a still more favorable result; for every dollar, paid before the year when it is payable, saves a certain amount of interest.

Another plan has been suggested, that a capitation tax of two dollars a year be laid for six years. By such a tax the whole debt would no doubt be paid in six years.

Looking at what has been accomplished in the past, I see nothing in the difficulties by which we are now surrounded, to discourage us, if we are willing to make proper exertions and exercise a proper economy.

When the Temple was completed, 16,000 Masons owed $450,000; in 1880 over 25,000 will owe $265,000. We have not yet, to be sure, reached the haven of security; the expectations of some of us have been disappointed; the hopes of all in some degree frustrated by the financial storm which has swept over the civilized world. But our Institution, although it has been in great danger, is still sound and intact; its credit is unimpaired; its members regard it with affection; and, not despairing because their great object has failed of accomplishment as soon as they expected, will give it, I trust, the same generous aid for a few years longer which they have given it in the past.

> "Bravely the ship, in the tempest tossed,
> Buffets the waves till the sea be crossed;
> Not in despair of the haven fair,
> Though winds blow backward and leagues be lost."

Brethren, whenever my present position in this Grand Lodge terminates, I shall retain a most pleasant recollection of those with whom it has associated me, a proper pride in having enjoyed the honor of being your Grand Master, and a continuing desire to support the well-being of Masonry to the best of my ability.

R.W. Henry Chickering offered the following vote, which was adopted: —

Voted, That, agreeably to the suggestion in the Grand Master's address, a committee of one or more from each

Masonic District be appointed to consider the subject of the finances of the Grand Lodge; to confer with the Board of Directors; to examine the estimates in the Grand Master's address, and to report at the next Quarterly Communication some suitable plan for reducing or paying the debt of the Grand Lodge.

The Auditing Committee presented their Annual Report, which was accepted, and ordered to be recorded.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

IN GRAND LODGE,
BOSTON, December 11, 1878.

The Auditing Committee of the R.W. Grand Lodge submit the following report: —

The books of the Recording Grand Secretary have been examined, and his records found to be correctly kept, and accurately transcribed.

By the books of the Grand Treasurer, we find the following to have been the payments for the past year, and for all of which he shows the proper vouchers: —

For notes, interest, and taxes	$74,517 89
District Deputy Grand Masters' expenses	1,331 90
printing and binding	1,525 14
furniture and regalia	759 22
heat and gas	2,522 75
care of Temple	2,650 49
salaries and sundry bills	5,915 07
Total payments	$89,222 46

The receipts are as follows: —

From District Deputy Grand Masters	$28,519 05
rents, gas, etc.	23,915 95
Dispensations and Charters	30 00
Lodges under Dispensation	239 25
notes	19,000 00
sundries	1,830 14
add cash on hand from last year	16,169 87
	$89,704 26
Deduct payments of	89,222 46
Leaving cash on hand	$481 80

There is also due the Grand Lodge, for rent and gas	$828 80
There is due from the Grand Lodge, for Treasurer and Secretary's salaries	925 00
	$1,753 80

The present indebtedness is: —

For mortgage	$244,000 00
Due Masonic Institutions	31,550 00
	$275,550 00

OTIS E. WILD,
S. P. OLIVER,
Committee.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his Annual Report on the Sinking Fund, which was accepted.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER ON SINKING FUND.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
December 11, 1878.

The Grand Treasurer has received during the past year from the District Deputy Grand Masters: —

For members' tax and commutation	$21,156 00
Amount previously reported	229,326 00
Making a total of receipts under decree passed March 13, 1867, of	$250,482 00

All of which has been applied to the payment of the principal and interest of the debt upon the Temple.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL WELLS,
Grand Treasurer.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour for the Annual Election of Grand Officers, as fixed by the Grand Constitutions, having arrived, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment for ten minutes.

On resuming labor, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master assumed the Grand East, upon which the roll of Lodges was called and the Grand Secretary reported the whole number of votes that might be cast for Grand Officers to be five hundred and thirty, viz.: —

Grand Officers present	37
Permanent members present	21
One hundred and fifty-four Lodges represented . .	462
	520

The Deputy Grand Master appointed as Tellers to receive, sort, and count the votes for Grand

Master, R.W. William F. Salmon, W. Otis E. Weld, and W. George H. Rhodes.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Grand Master to be four hundred and fifty-five, all of which were for M.W. Charles Alfred Welch, of Waltham, and he was declared to be unanimously elected Grand Master of Masons in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the ensuing year.

The Deputy Grand Master appointed as a committee to wait upon the Grand Master elect, and present him to the Grand East: —

R.W. William D. Coolidge	Past Grand Master.
R.W. William Parkman	" " "
R.W. Charles C. Dame	" " "
R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson	" " "
R.W. Percival L. Everett	" " "

The committee, attended by the Grand Marshal and the Grand Stewards, waited upon the Grand Master, and conducted him to the Grand East, the Brethren all rising.

The Deputy Grand Master announced to the Grand Master elect the fact of his election, and, in the most cordial and enthusiastic manner, congratulated him upon the expression of the high confidence and regard of the brethren, as shown in the unanimity of the vote.

The Grand Master elect responded in eloquent terms, reciprocating the fraternal feelings of the Brethren.

On motion of R.W. Henry Chickering, it was

Voted, That the calling of the list of Lodges be dispensed with in voting for the remaining elective officers.

The Grand Master appointed as a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for Senior Grand Warden, R.W. Samuel C. Lawrence, W. Albert L. Richardson, and W. Samuel W. Creech, Jr.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Senior Grand Warden to be four hundred and thirty-two, of which R.W. Solon W. Stevens, of Lowell, had four hundred and seventeen, and he was declared elected Senior Grand Warden for the year ensuing.

R.W. Henry Endicott, W.E. Dana Bancroft, and W. Henry A. Whitney were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for Junior Grand Warden.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Junior Grand Warden to be two hundred and eighty-nine, of which R.W. Henry G. Fay, of Boston, had two hundred and eighty, and he was declared Junior Grand Warden for the year ensuing.

R.W. Joseph K. Baker, W. Marlborough Williams, and Brother Edwin Wright were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for Grand Treasurer.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Grand Treasurer to be three hundred and seventy-four, of which W. Samuel Wells, of Boston, had three hundred and seventy-one, and he was declared elected Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing.

R.W. Wyzeman Marshall, W. E. M. Lawrence, and W. Ansel G. Baker were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for Recording Grand Secretary.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Recording Grand Secretary to be three hundred and forty-nine, all of which were for R.W. Tracy P. Cheever, of Chelsea, and he was declared unanimously elected Recording Grand Secretary for the year ensuing.

The Grand Master appointed as a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for four Directors, R.W. Daniel W. Lawrence, W. Charles E. Spellman, and W. E. C. Nichols.

The committee reported that R.W. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., of New Bedford, R.W. William F. Salmon, of Lowell, R.W. Samuel C. Lawrence of

Medford, and R.W. Henry Endicott, of Cambridge, has received all the votes cast, and they were severally declared to be unanimously elected Directors.

A committee, consisting of R.W. Wyzeman Marshall, W. Samuel W. Creech, Jr., and Bro. Edwin Wright, was appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for one member of the Board of Directors to supply the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of R.W. William S. Gardner.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast to be sixty-seven, all of which were for W. Francis Child, of Boston, and he was declared to be unanimously elected a Director.

The Grand Master having appointed W. Bro. Otis E. Weld, Grand Pursuivant, proceeded to install him into that office in due form.

R.W. Ivory H. Pope, W. Charles E. Spellman, and W. A. N. Howe were appointed a committee to receive, sort, and count the vote for Auditing Committee.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Auditing Committee to be one hundred and sixty-six, all of which were for W. Otis E. Weld, R.W. Samuel P. Oliver, and W. Jeremiah Getchell; but inasmuch as the latter was ineligible to the office, under the Grand Constitu-

tions, W. Otis E. Weld and R.W. Samuel P. Oliver, both of Boston, were declared to be unanimously elected, and a new ballot was ordered to supply the vacancy, and the same committee was appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for one member of the Auditing Committee.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast to be forty-four, of which W. James M. Gleason, of Boston, received thirty-nine, and he was declared elected a member of the Auditing Committee for the year ensuing.

At the conclusion of the election, the M.W. Grand Master installed R.W. Samuel Wells, elected Grand Treasurer, and R.W. Tracy P. Cheever, elected Recording Grand Secretary, into their respective offices, which had been previously held by them under the appointment of the Grand Master.

By-Laws were presented for approval from the following Lodges, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws : —

FULL CODE.

EVENING STAR, Lee.
ADELPHI, South Boston.
HUNTINGTON, Huntington.

AMENDMENTS.

WEBSTER, Webster.
WILLIAM SUTTON, Saugus.
GLOBE, Hinsdale.
BELCHER, Chicopee Falls.
ATHELSTAN, Dorchester.
TRINITY, Clinton.
BETH-HORON, Brookline.
MASSACHUSETTS, Boston.

A communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, containing an Edict from M.W. George F. Newcomb, Grand Master, suspending from all Masonic rights and privileges, Bro. E. G. Conklin, for illegally calling a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Read.

A communication was received from the M.W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, containing resolutions of that Grand Body at its Annual Communication, regarding an alleged invasion by the Grand Lodge of Scotland of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, by establishing two Lodges within the territory of the latter, and the Edict of the M.W. Grand Master of Illinois, issued in pursuance of the vote of his Grand Lodge, interdicting all further communication with the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and all individual Masons owing allegiance thereto. Read.

A proclamation was received from M.W. Milbourne M. Tait, Grand Master of Masons in Quebec, upon the same subject-matter, in which all Masonic intercourse between that Grand Lodge, its subordinates, and all Brethren in obedience thereto, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, is suspended by reason of the alleged violation, by the latter, of the jurisdiction of the former. Read.

The following letter was read, and the offer therein contained was accepted: —

BOSTON, October 17, 1878.

To the M. W. Master of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of Massachusetts: —

MOST WORSHIPFUL, — I send to you the Masonic Diplomas of my great-great-grandfather, great-grandfather, grandfather, father, and myself; five generations, in one family. I do not know that my diploma is of any particular value, except that it completes the chain, and was granted by an Army Lodge. My father never had a Blue Lodge Diploma, only one from the Chapter.

These diplomas are held sacred by me, and, wishing to place them where they would be carefully preserved, I place them in the keeping of the Grand Lodge. I still wish to have some claim to them; therefore I will loan them indefinitely. It is not at all likely they will ever be called for.

Fraternally yours,

ROBERT B. PALFREY.

These very interesting diplomas, the first of which contains the signature of our illustrious Brother, Gen. Joseph Warren, G.M., and Joseph Webb, D.G.M., are now in the custody of the Grand Lodge.

W. Bro. Samuel W. Creech, Jr., for the committee appointed to confer with the family of our late Bro. William Palfrey, in reference to the loan of these diplomas, presented the following report,

which was accepted, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge were ordered to be presented to Bro. Robert B. Palfrey, for his kindness in entrusting these valuable documents to its custody.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIPLOMAS OF MEMBERS OF THE PALFREY FAMILY.

In Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Dec. 11, 1878.

The committee appointed to confer with the family of our late Bro. William Palfrey, of Boston, deceased, and obtain certain Masonic documents, respectfully report: that these papers, including the diplomas from the Grand Lodge, bearing the autograph signature of General Joseph Warren as Grand Master, have been placed in the custody of this Grand Lodge.

For the Committee,

Samuel W. Creech, Jr.,
Sereno D. Nickerson.

A letter was read from Bro. Daniel Seagrave, of Worcester, in regard to certain effects of Fayette Lodge, of Charlton (which was chartered March 14, 1796, but which became extinct during the time of the Anti-Masonic excitement), viz.: a volume of records, a copy of the Constitutions printed by Isaiah Thomas, P.G.M., and the seal of the Lodge. These effects of Fayette Lodge have been duly received, and, on motion of R.W. Percival L. Everett, the thanks of the Grand Lodge were ordered to be communicated to Rev. Bro.

Anson Titus, Jr., through whose instrumentality they were procured.

R.W. Percival L. Everett moved that the portions of the Grand Master's address, which do not relate to financial matters, be referred to a committee.

Adopted, and R.W. Percival L. Everett and R.W. Henry Endicott were appointed said committee.

On motion of R.W. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., the sum of five hundred dollars was appropriated for charity, to be disbursed by the Committee on Charity.

R.W. Bro. F. D. Ely presented the petitions for formal healing of Bros. S. P. Curtis and R.W. McDonald, which were severally referred to the Committee on Healing.

A petition was received from Germania Lodge, Boston, for a ritual in the German language, which was referred to a committee consisting of R.W. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, and W. John A. Conkey.

R.W. William Parkman, for the Committee on the Petition of Brother William C. Culver, presented the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PETITION OF BRO. WILLIAM C. CULVER.

GRAND LODGE OF MASS., Dec. 11, 1878.

The committee appointed at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge held in June, 1878, upon the petition of Bro. W. C. Culver, have attended to the duty assigned them, and respectfully report: —

We duly notified the W. Master of Adelphi Lodge of our appointment, and that we desired to meet the Lodge and investigate the matter of the expulsion of Bro. W. C. Culver; but we have had *no* invitation to meet the Lodge, nor have they advised us of any action upon the subject. We have had several interviews with the W. Master, and with Bro. Culver and his friends; but have failed to find any new facts, or any change in the condition of matters since it was in the hands of the Committee of the Grand Lodge in 1873; except that Bro. W. C. Culver has suffered for five years under nominal expulsion, and an unjust suspension of his Masonic rights, which the Grand Lodge refused to ratify. The committee, therefore, most respectfully recommend the enforcement of the Order adopted by the Grand Lodge, upon the report of the committee having this matter in charge in 1873; to wit: —

That Adelphi Lodge be compelled to either withdraw the charges against Bro. W. C. Culver, or grant him a new trial under the present provisions of the Constitution of the M.W. Grand Lodge.

WILLIAM PARKMAN,
JOHN O. SMITH.

R.W. William F. Salmon, in behalf of the Committee on the Complaint of Republican Lodge *vs.*

Harmony Lodge, requested further time, which was granted.

R.W. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., in the absence of the Chairman of the Committee appointed to present resolutions appropriate to the memory of R.W. Brother John McClellan, late Grand Treasurer, submitted the following:—

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF R.W. JOHN McCLELLAN.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Massachusetts, with a unanimous expression of grief, deplores the loss of its worthy Brother, John McClellan, Esq., of Boston, who departed this life Sept. 29, 1878, after a protracted illness. For the last seventeen years Brother McClellan had been annually elected Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, and had performed the duties of the office to the entire contentment of the Fraternity. The statement of this fact renders it almost useless to say that his integrity, punctuality, courtesy, and right-minded ability commanded the respect and confidence of this Grand Lodge.

In other positions held in this Grand Lodge, and in various other cognate Masonic institutions, during over thirty-three years, our departed Brother had won the love and affection of the Brethren by the zeal and intelligence with which he pursued the benevolent purposes of the Fraternity, and the stability which his firm character gave to his Masonic work.

This Grand Lodge bears further witness to the amiable and kindly qualities which adorned the heart of our departed Brother, and which the Fraternity often honored by placing

him on its Committees of Charity and Boards of Masonic Relief.

In private life, whether in the domestic circle or in business, the like qualities of the heart and soundness of judgment marked his conduct, and won the esteem of those who knew him best.

Resolved, That the Recording Grand Secretary be directed to spread upon the records this testimonial of our esteem and sorrow, and that he furnish the family of the deceased with a copy of these resolutions.

For the Committee,

CHAS. LEVI WOODBURY.

The resolutions and the recommendation thereon were unanimously adopted.

R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, in behalf of the committee appointed to present a memorial in testimony of the appreciation of the Grand Lodge of the character and services of R.W. Charles H. Titus, late Recording Grand Secretary, presented the following, which was adopted unanimously by a rising vote: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF R.W. CHARLES H. TITUS.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, Dec. 11, 1878.

At the Quarterly Communication in June, 1871, the M.W. Grand Master announced that he had filled a vacancy in the office of Recording Grand Secretary by the appointment of Rev.

Charles Henry Titus. To many of us he was almost a stranger, and when the ballot followed, seventy Brethren voted for other candidates. Six months later we had all learned to know him and to love him, and no dissenting voice has ever since been heard when that election was called.

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, held in May last, for the purpose of constituting Mumford River Lodge, his weary limbs bore his emaciated body to this hall for the last time. For five long and tedious months he hoped and prayed for strength to resume the work in which he took such delight. He gave up that hope only two or three weeks before the end came. When the body was almost utterly wasted, the brave spirit realized that this was the last of earth, and, after a severe and painful struggle, calmly, patiently, hopefully, resigned itself to the will of the Master. When the strong soul yielded, the body sank rapidly, and on the 29th of October last the struggle ended. On the 1st of November, at setting of the sun, with appropriate ceremony, we laid his body in the grave which he had chosen.

With what fitting words, though few, shall we now give voice to the general grief? What loving tribute shall we bring to his precious memory? In what suitable language shall we clothe the grateful memorial which we would place on our records?

His Masonic life of just twenty years was crowded with Masonic work, — an almost unbroken series of Masonic offices and honors. They are set forth in the Proceedings of 1873, as recorded in the lives of our Chaplains. He used to say that he drank in his first Masonic inspiration when a boy of ten years, at the grave of a venerable Brother, and at a time when Masonry was reviled and persecuted of all men. The opinion he conceived of our Institution at that early age, and under such unfavorable circumstances, was abundantly confirmed and satisfied

in middle life. His whole experience and training had specially qualified and fitted him to become a good and true Mason. The principles of Masonry were the rules of his life, and their exemplification was easy and natural to him. Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth were to him a second nature. He was from very early life dependent upon his own resources, from boyhood for many years teacher as well as pupil. When released from that service he entered a profession which requires the constant exercise of the most tender and affectionate sympathies of our nature. All this experience and these influences made him a bright and shining exemplar of the Masonic principle of Brotherly Love. He was brimful and running over with good-will to men, but especially to his Brethren of the Fraternity. No thought of self seemed to find place in his mind. How cordial and kindly his greeting to all! How evident the desire to render kind offices to all who came near him! That God is Love was to him the most precious tenet of his religion. It seemed to be the all-engrossing thought with him and shaped and moulded all his actions. It is the trait in his character upon which we most delight to dwell, and which furnishes the most instructive example.

The records of many Masonic Bodies attest to his faithful, laborious work; our own bear witness that his duties for the last seven years have been performed with fidelity and zeal. Many of us who have been closely connected with him officially can testify to the modesty, delicacy, and self-sacrifice which characterized him in all our intercourse. He bore labor and trial and suffering bravely, manfully. He discharged every duty faithfully, punctually, cheerfully. But — the best praise of all for the true Mason — HE LOVED HIS FELLOW-MEN!

As we mingle our tears with those of the bereaved family, we offer them the consolation afforded by the recollection of his

consistent, useful, helpful life, and the humble, though confident, hope that with him all is now peaceful, blissful. The weary spirit is at rest, and our benedictions follow him. Thus we place them on perpetual record.

SERENO D. NICKERSON,
PERCIVAL L. EVERETT,
GEORGE H. RHODES,
Committee.

The Recording Grand Secretary, in the absence of the committee appointed to present suitable resolutions concerning the death of our venerable Brother, R.W. and Rev. E. M. P. Wells, Past Deputy Grand Master, presented in their behalf the following report: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF R.W. E. M. P. WELLS.

The Committee of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts appointed to prepare Resolutions relative to the decease of "our venerable and Right Worshipful Brother, E. M. P. Wells, a Past Deputy Grand Master, respectfully report the following: —

The life of E. M. P. Wells, a Past Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, terminated on earth on the first day of December, instant. It is a complete volume, filled with good works. Prolonged to the utmost verge of mortal existence, it shone brightly to the last. He was never wearied with well-doing, but labored continually and lovingly to relieve the distress and soothe the sorrow of his fellow-beings.

In looking back upon his long earthly career, in which his Christian and his Masonic life were so beautifully blended, we find nothing to lament, nothing to mourn. He has fulfilled his

mission. He has left a brilliant example to the Brethren; and we shall always remember with gratitude his manly form, his commanding presence, and his kindly deeds.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts desire to pay their sincere and grateful homage to the memory of their Venerable Brother and Past Deputy Grand Master, Eleazer Mathew Porter Wells, who for many years, by his constant attendance, gave dignity to their body and authority to their counsels; who honored Masonry by a holy and unblemished life; and who, in unaffected humility and with godly sincerity, exemplified practically in his own person the combined beauty and excellence of FAITH, HOPE, and CHARITY.

LUCIUS R. PAIGE,
G. WASHINGTON WARREN,
MARTIN A. MUNROE,
Committee.

R.W. Wyzeman Marshall, for the committee appointed to prepare resolutions concerning the death of R.W. Abraham A. Dame, Past Deputy Grand Master, and at the time of his death the oldest permanent member of this Grand Lodge, presented the following: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF R.W. ABRAHAM A. DAME.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 11, 1878.

IN MEMORIAM.

The busy hand of death has removed another of our prominent members and wise councillors.

R.W. Brother Abraham Annis Dame was born at Orford, N.H., August 27, 1792, and died November 14, 1878, aged eighty-six years, two months, and eighteen days. At the time of his death he was senior member of this Grand Lodge.

He came to Boston in 1814, was admitted to the bar in Middlesex County in 1816, also in Suffolk County Dec. 23, 1818, and continued in practice over sixty years.

He was thrice married, at his death leaving a widow and one daughter to mourn his loss.

Brother Dame received his Masonic Degrees in Massachusetts Lodge, in Boston; was initiated, March 27; crafted, April 8; raised, April 24, 1818; was made a member, June 29, 1818, continuing his membership to the time of his death,—sixty years, four months, and fifteen days. He was elected Senior Deacon, Dec. 1, 1820; Junior Warden, Dec. 7, 1821; Senior Warden, Dec. 6, 1822; Worshipful Master, Dec. 5, 1823; was installed 26th of same month, served two years, declining a renomination at that time; but was again Master in 1844 and 1845; was elected trustee of the Charity Fund in 1834, and held that office over forty years.

In Grand Lodge he was elected R.W. Junior Grand Warden, in 1828; Senior Grand Warden, in 1829–31; Deputy Grand Master, in 1832–33; and was a permanent member thereof.

He was exalted to the Degree of Royal Arch Mason, in St. Paul's Chapter, Boston, Feb. 17, 1819, and was admitted to membership in Feb., 1819. He served the Chapter as Scribe, in 1820; again in 1840, and again in 1853; as King, in 1821, and again in 1841; was High Priest, in 1822–23, and also in 1842–43, and became an Honorary Member of that Body.

In Grand Chapter he became Grand R.A. Captain, June 24, 1823; was elected Grand Treasurer, Sept. 9, the same year;

which office he continued to hold until Sept., 1844; was elected Grand Scribe in 1855, and became a permanent member.

He received the Degrees, and was admitted to membership in Boston Council of R.·. and S.·. Masters, July 27, 1819; and to Honorary Membership, March 15, 1855; was elected Right Ill Master, Nov. 13, 1821, serving three years; was Corresponding Secretary in 1824; and elected Most Ill. Master, Jan. 25, 1825, serving four years.

Brother Dame was elected Most Ill.·. Grand Master of the Grand Council of R.·. and S.·. Masters in 1826, and served with ability during the so called Anti-Masonic period.

He was created a Knight Templar in Boston Commandery, Feb. 13, 1822; admitted to membership, March 12, same year; served as Junior Warden, and was elected E. Commander, October, 1827, and presided three years; was elected Honorary Member, Sept. 19, 1855.

He served the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts and R.I. as Grand Captain General, one year; Deputy Grand Master, two years; and Grand Master in 1835–36.

In the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite he received all of the degrees, and held many positions of responsibility and trust, and was an Honorary Member of Massachusetts Consistory.

On the 6th of January, 1863, he was made an Illustrious Inspector General 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite; thereby becoming an Honorary Member of the Supreme Council of the 33d and last degree.

Brother A. A. Dame was a zealous Mason; was one of the most reliable ritualists of his day. He delivered an address to his Lodge in 1819 and in 1829; he twice delivered a dissertation on "The principles of Masonry and its moral virtues."

He was firm, outspoken, and fearless; was one of the signers of the famous Masonic Declaration which was issued

during the so-called Anti-Masonic excitement, and manfully defended our principles.

He was much respected by his compeers, loved by his family, and regarded by his intimate friends with affection and veneration.

He was buried with knightly honors, Boston Commandery conducting the ceremony. He was interred at Mount Auburn, where he quietly rests. Peace to his ashes. Amen.

Whereas, It pleased the Great Mover of all life to take from us, by death, one of our prominent members and highly esteemed friends, R.W. Brother Abraham Annis Dame; therefore

Resolved, That in this event, so full of sadness, we recognize the power of that Great Law which doeth all things well, and bow submissively to His will.

Resolved, That in the life and character of our departed Brother we realize and appreciate more highly those noble traits of character which secured to him the friendship and respect of those most intimately associated with him.

Resolved, That the Masonic Institution, in whose welfare and prosperity he always maintained a great interest, has lost a valued co-laborer, wise counsellor, and devoted friend.

Resolved, That we tender to the family of our deceased Brother, our deep condolence and warmest sympathy in this their hour of bereavement and great affliction.

Resolved, That, as an appropriate token of our appreciation of his life and usefulness, these resolutions be entered on the records of this Grand Lodge, and a copy forwarded to the family of the deceased.

WILLIAM PARKMAN,
WM. D. COOLIDGE,
WYZEMAN MARSHALL,
SAMUEL W. CREECH, JR.,
Committee.

R.W. F. D. Ely, for the committee on Healing, presented the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendation of the committee adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALING ON THE PETITION OF BRO. CALEB G. CARR, FOR RESTORATION TO MASONIC RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,
September 11, 1878.

The Committee on Healing, to whom was referred the petition of Caleb G. Carr for restoration to his Masonic rights and privileges, respectfully report: —

At the Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge, held June 11, 1873, the petitioner was tried on a charge and specifications presented by a committee of this Grand Lodge. The specifications were as follows, viz.: —

FIRST SPECIFICATION.

In that, while Master of Blackstone River Lodge, he conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree on W. H. Bolster, without first obtaining permission from Olive Branch Lodge, where said Bolster's application for the degrees had been rejected.

SECOND SPECIFICATION.

In that he concealed from his Lodge the fact that said Bolster had before applied for the degrees.

THIRD SPECIFICATION.

In that he willingly and knowingly violated Part IV., Article 3, Section 2, of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

After due notice to said Carr, and hearing of evidence in support of these charges and specifications, this Grand Lodge voted that said Carr was guilty, — yeas, one hundred and twenty-one; nays, none. It was then moved that said Carr be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry for the term of five years. This motion was fully discussed, and afterwards amended, when the Grand Lodge voted — yeas, eighty-six; nays, sixty-two — that said Carr be expelled from all the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

In his petition to be restored to the rights and privileges of Freemasonry, said Carr says that "having patiently submitted to, and respectfully endured, the punishment of expulsion from all the rights and benefits of Freemasonry, it has been my purpose to so regulate my life and conduct that I might merit, in some degree, the favorable consideration of the Fraternity." He also acknowledges his error, and renews his pledge of obedience to the rules and regulations of Freemasonry, and to the constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

The granting of the prayer of his petition is recommended by all the officers of Blackstone River Lodge except the Junior Steward, by two Past Masters, and twenty-eight of its members.

Your committee have held this case under consideration since the beginning of the present year. The offence of which Carr was convicted is one of a most grave and serious character. Its tendency was to undermine the foundations of our Masonic edifice. The commission of it indicated an entire absence of worthiness in said Carr to be associated with as a Mason, or even as a man. The laws of Freemasonry and the Constitutions of our Grand Lodge are wise, just, and liberal. Those which guard the doors of our Lodges against the entrance of unworthy applicants for the degrees are especially worthy of this commendation. He who proves himself regardless of, and

disobedient to, his obligations as a Mason will, if a tempting occasion present itself, violate obligations which he has taken upon himself outside of a Masonic Lodge.

Five years, the term of suspension proposed in the original motion of sentence in this case, have, however, elapsed. During this period said Carr's conduct has merited, so far as your committee have been able to learn, the respect of the Fraternity. Your committee believe that said Carr fully realizes the character of his offence; that his punishment has accomplished one, at at least, of the most prominent objects of all punishment, viz.: the reformation of the offender; that his pledges of future good conduct are made in good faith; and that no interest of the Fraternity would suffer by his restoration to the rights and privileges of Freemasonry.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that Caleb G. Carr be restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry.

FREDERICK D. ELY,
EDW. AVERY,
SAMUEL WELLS,
Committee.

The committee on the subject of a change in the seal of this Grand Lodge requested further time, which was granted.

R.W. Henry Chickering, for the committee appointed in reference to the action of the Grand Orient of France, in eliminating from its Constitution a belief in Deity, requested further time for the consideration of the subject, which was granted.

R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson presented the report of the Committee on the Complaint of F. N. Deane

vs. Norfolk Union Lodge, which was accepted, and the recommendation giving the complainant leave to withdraw his petition, adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMPLAINT OF F. N. DEANE

vs.

NORFOLK UNION LODGE.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, Dec. 11, 1878.

The committee to whom was referred the complaint of F. N. Deane against Norfolk Union Lodge have attended to their duty, and respectfully report: —

That it appears the complainant was initiated in Norfolk Union Lodge, but objection was made to his advancement. The subject was referred to a committee, who in due time reported the facts on which the objection was founded, but made no recommendation, and the Lodge made no decision. The Master deemed it expedient to delay any action for a time, and your committee see no reason to question the wisdom or propriety of his conclusion.

The objection has now been withdrawn, and probably no further obstacle will be interposed to the advancement of the complainant. The action of Norfolk Union Lodge and of its Worshipful Master appears to have been perfectly regular and proper, and there seems to be no occasion for the intervention of the Grand Lodge. We therefore recommend that the complainant have leave to withdraw.

Respectfully submitted,

SERENO D. NICKERSON,
FREDERICK D. ELY,
S. A. BOLSTER,
Committee.

R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, in behalf of the Committee on the Publication of the Masonic Digest, reported that the Digest had been published, and a copyright secured, according to the Act of Congress relating to the subject, and that the book is ready for sale at the price fixed by the Board of Directors, viz., one dollar per copy.

Accepted.

W. Bro. Thomas W. Davis, for the Committee on By-Laws, made report, which was accepted, and the recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

In Grand Lodge,
Boston, Dec. 11, 1878.

The Committee on By-Laws have examined the amendments submitted by Webster Lodge, Webster; Wm. Sutton Lodge, Saugus; Globe Lodge, Hinsdale; Belcher Lodge, Chicopee Falls; Athelstan Lodge, Worcester; Trinity Lodge, Clinton; Beth-horon Lodge, Brookline; Massachusetts Lodge, Boston, and recommend their approval; also, the amendments submitted by Hammatt Lodge, East Boston, as amended by this committee.

The full code of Evening Star Lodge, Lee, as amended by the committee, and the full code submitted by Adelphi Lodge, South Boston, are recommended for approval when a description of the seal of the Lodge shall in each case have been furnished.

On the full code of Huntington Lodge, Huntington, the committee ask for further time.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. SALMON,
L. W. LOWELL,
THOS. W. DAVIS,
Committee.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, at twenty-three minutes past six o'clock, P.M., until the 27th inst., then to meet in the Masonic Temple in this city, at four o'clock, P.M., for the Installation of Grand Officers, and the celebration of the Feast of St. John, the Evangelist.

Prayer was then offered by W. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain, and a closing hymn was sung.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
Recording Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

DECEMBER 27, A.L. 5878.

A STATED COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Friday, the twenty-seventh day of December, A. L. 5878, A.D. 1878, for the Installation of Grand Officers, and the celebration of the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

R.W.	ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,	Deputy Grand Master.
"	WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . .	Senior Grand Warden.
"	IRVING B. SAYLES	Junior " "
"	SAMUEL WELLS	Grand Treasurer.
"	TRACY P. CHEEVER	Recording Grand Secretary.
"	GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
"	HENRY G. FAY	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 1.
"	GEORGE J. TOWNSEND . .	" " " 4.
"	THOMAS LEYLAND	" " " 6.
"	SOLON W. STEVENS	" " " 7.
"	HENRY M. HUMPHREY . . .	" " " 8.
"	CHARLES W. MOODY . . .	" " " 11.
"	WILLIAM H. PHIPPS . . .	" " " 12.
"	FREDERICK D. ELY	" " " 13.
"	RUSSELL MATTHEWS	" " " 15.
"	LEAVITT BATES	" " " 16.
"	JOHN VIALL	" " " 17.
"	FRANK MORTON	" " " 19.

W. Rev. Joshua Young	Grand Chaplain.
" F. Lyman Winship	" Marshal.
" Thomas Waterman	" Lecturers.
" Charles M. Avery	" Lecturers.
" J. Francis Lotts	" Lecturers.
" Marlborough Williams	Senior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas W. Davis	Junior " "
" John M. Rodocanachi	Senior " Steward.
" James Mills	Junior " Stewards.
" Nathaniel Greene	Junior " Stewards.
" Henry N. Fisher	Junior " Stewards.
" Joseph Winsor	Grand Sword-Bearer.
" Z. L. Bicknell	" Standard-Bearer.
" Otis E. Weld	" Pursuivants.
" Henry J. Parker	" Pursuivants.
Bro. Howard M. Dow	" Organist.
Bro. Frank E. Jones	" Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. William D. Coolidge	Past Grand Master.
" Charles C. Dame	" " "
" William S. Gardner	" " "
" Percival L. Everett	" " "
" Charles R. Train	Past Deputy Grand Master.
" G. Washington Warren	" " " "
" Charles Levi Woodbury	" " " "
" Samuel P. Oliver	Past Grand Warden.
" Samuel C. Lawrence	" " "
" Ivory H. Pope	" " "
" Richard Briggs	" " "
" Lucius W. Lovell	" " "
" Edward Avery	" " "

Also the Masters and Wardens of several subordinate Lodges, and many Master Masons who were admitted after the opening of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form, by

the Deputy Grand Master, at four o'clock P.M. with prayer by W. Bro. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain, and singing. The GREAT LIGHT was opened by the Grand Marshal at the Gospel of St. John the Evangelist.

Proxies were presented from

ANCIENT LANDMARK LODGE, China, in favor of R.W. BRO. WILLIAM F. SALMON, and from

ATHELSTAN LODGE, Worcester, in favor of W. BRO. NATHANIEL G. TUCKER, both for the ensuing year,

and they were recognized accordingly.

Amendments to the By-Laws of Joseph Warren Lodge were submitted for approval, and were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Junior Past Grand Master, R.W. Percival L. Everett, in accordance with the provisions of the Grand Constitutions, then assumed the Grand East, and presided at the installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. He appointed R.W. Past Grand Masters William D. Coolidge, Charles C. Dame, and William S. Gardner, a committee to wait upon M.W. Charles Alfred Welch, Grand Master elect, and present him for installation.

The committee retired, attended by the Grand Deacons, the Grand Stewards, and the Grand Sword-Bearer, conducted by the Grand Marshal, and escorted the Grand Master elect to the Grand

East,—the Brethren all rising,—and duly presented him for installation.

The R.W. Installing Officer directed the committee to conduct the Grand Master elect to the altar, there to receive the benefit of prayer, and be invested with his official obligation.

The W. and Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain offered the following prayer of Installation.

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION.

We praise Thee, O God! we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.

To Thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.

To Thee, cherubim and seraphim continually do cry: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.

Lord of all good, Thou hast revealed thyself as one to whom we may pray; to whom we may give thanks for all the blessings of life, so manifold and great; whom we may seek for guidance in our difficulties, for strength in our weakness.

Except the Lord build the house,
The builders labor in vain.
Except the Lord keep the city,
The watchman waketh in vain.

Let our prayer come before Thee now.

Kneeling at this altar erected to Thee, and consecrated to Truth and Love, behold, O Lord! Thy servant once more to be inducted with solemn service into the high and responsible office

to the honors and duties of which the free will of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge has called him.

Replenish him, we pray Thee, O our God, with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that he may always incline to Thy will, and walk in Thy way; and, that he may truly please Thee, pour upon him the continual dew of Thy blessing.

Walking by the Plumb and working by the Square, as one ever exposed to the All-Seeing-Eye; diligent, prudent, temperate and discreet, may he be an example to the whole Craft in all Masonic virtues, in constancy and fidelity, in all the charities that soothe and heal and bless, in generous inclination, in just rule, in good actions, and pure thoughts.

And in all his associates in the government of this Grand Lodge, and in the administration of its affairs, may he find the spirit of obedience and coöperation and generous emulation. May they be of one mind and of one heart; and when their term of service has expired, may they leave the Institution, whose great interests are now to be committed to them, as unto true and faithful men, not only having received no detriment, but high advanced, yet more firmly established in the esteem and affection of the entire Brotherhood.

We commend to Thee, O God! the Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons wherever on broad continents, or in the far-off isles of the sea, it sets up its pillars of Wisdom, Strength and Beauty, and builds its altars to the God of Truth and Love.

Revive the purity and deepen the power of its testimony, and in all the world may it be a witness of whatsoever things are true, of whatsoever things are just and lovely and of good report.

Nearer and nearer, O Thou God of Righteousness, who art not the author of confusion, but of Peace,—nearer and nearer may Thy Kingdom come from age to age; meeting the face of

the young as a rising dawn, and brightening the song of the old, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace."

O God! by the cleansing spirit of Thy Truth, make this world a fitting fore-court to that sanctuary not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, where mortality is swallowed up of life; and to Thee, O Lord God Almighty, who art, and wast, and art to come, be all glory and praise forever and ever. *Amen.*

The Grand Master elect, having been duly invested with his official obligation, was reconducted to the Grand East, and installed in AMPLE FORM, and in accordance with the usage of this Grand Lodge.

The ceremony of installation, including the several proclamations, will be found set forth in full in the record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, Dec. 29, 1874.

A procession was formed in due order, and the M.W. Grand Master was saluted, in accordance with the ancient usage of the Craft and of this Grand Lodge, and proclamation was duly made by the Grand Marshal.

The Grand Master then proceeded to install the Grand Wardens.

R.W. Solon W. Stevens having been duly installed into the office of Senior Grand Warden, and R.W. Henry G. Fay into the office of Junior Grand Warden, proclamation thereof was made in due form.

R.W. Samuel Wells, Grand Treasurer, and R.W. Tracy P. Cheever, Recording Grand Secretary, had been installed into their respective offices at the Annual Communication.

The following appointments were announced by the Grand Master: —

R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR., New Bedford, Deputy Grand Master.

R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER, Cambridge, Corresponding Grand Secretary.

W. ALBERT L. RICHARDSON, Boston, D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.

W. JONATHAN BIGELOW, Cambridge, D.D.G. Master, District No. 2.

W. WILLIAM H. WEST, Dorchester, D.D.G. Master, District No. 3.

R.W. GEORGE J. TOWNSEND, M.D., S. Natick, D.D.G. Master, District No. 4.

W. JOHN B. HILL, Beverly, D.D.G. Master, District No. 5.

R.W. THOMAS LEYLAND, Lawrence, D.D.G. Master, District No. 6.

W. ALBERT L. FESSENDEN, Townsend, D.D.G. Master, District No. 7.

R.W. HENRY M. HUMPHREY, Athol, D.D.G. Master, District No. 8.

W. WILLIAM H. MURRAY, Pittsfield, D.D.G. Master, District No. 9.

W. WILLIAM C. ROBINSON, Northampton, D.D.G. Master, District No. 10.

R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY, Worcester, D.D.G. Master, District No. 11.

R.W. WILLIAM H. PHIPPS, South Framingham, D.D.G. Master, District No. 12.

R.W. FREDERICK D. ELY, Dedham, D.D.G. Master, District No. 13.

W. ALBERT H. W. CARPENTER, New Bedford, D.D.G. Master, District No. 14.

R.W. RUSSELL MATTHEWS, Barnstable, D.D.G. Master, District No. 15.

R.W. LEAVITT BATES, East Weymouth, D.D.G. Master, District No. 16.

W. AUGUSTUS E. SCOTT, Lexington, D.D.G. Master, District No. 17.

R.W. GEORGE ROBINSON, Palmer, D.D.G. Master, District No. 18.

R.W. FRANK MORTON, Randolph, D.D.G. Master, District No. 19.

R.W. REV. DAVID W. TRUMBULL, D.D., Valparaiso, D.D.G. Master for Chili.

W. Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, D.D., New Bedford, } Grand
W. Joshua Young, Groton, } Chaplains.
W. F. Lyman Winship, Brighton, Grand Marshal.
W. Thomas Waterman, M.D., Boston, }
W. Charles M. Avery, Chelsea, } Grand Lecturers.
W. J. Francis Lotts, Boston, }
W. Marlborough Williams, Boston, Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Thomas W. Davis, Belmont, Junior Grand Deacon.
W. George R. Rogers, Boston, Senior Grand Steward.
W. James Mills, Boston, }
W. Nathaniel Greene, M.D., Boston, } Junior Grand Stewards.
W. Henry N. Fisher, Waltham, }
W. Joseph Winsor, Boston, Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Z. L. Bicknell, East Weymouth, Grand Standard Bearer.
W. Otis E. Weld, Boston, }
W. Henry J. Parker, Boston, } Grand Pursuivants.
Bro. Howard M. Dow, Boston, Grand Organist.
Bro. Frank E. Jones, Boston, Grand Tyler.

COMMISSIONERS OF TRIALS.

R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, R.W. Frederick D. Ely,
R.W. Benjamin Dean, R.W. Edward Avery,
W. Solomon A. Bolster.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, R.W. Charles Levi Woodbury,
W. Edwin Wright.

COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

W. Henry J. Parker, W. Nathaniel Greene, M.D.
W. James Mills, W. Charles J. Richardson,
W. Otis Eddy.

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

W. John M. Rodocanachi, W. Martin A. Munroe,
W. Charles T. Gallagher, W. John O. Smith,
W. Charles G. Brooks, M.D.

COMMITTEE ON HEALING.

R.W. Edward Avery, R.W. Frederick D. Ely,
R.W. Henry Chickering.

COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

R.W. IVORY H. POPE, W. JAMES C. TUCKER,
W. CHARLES H. EDMONDS.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

R.W. WILLIAM F. SALMON, R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL,
W. THOMAS W. DAVIS.

The Grand Master installed R.W. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, into his office.

The Deputy Grand Master installed the following-named Brethren into the stations to which they had been appointed: —

R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
" ALBERT L. RICHARDSON . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 1.
" JONATHAN BIGELOW . . .	" " " " 2.
" WILLIAM H. WEST	" " " " 3.
" GEORGE J. TOWNSEND, M.D. .	" " " " 4.
" JOHN B. HILL	" " " " 5.
" THOMAS LEYLAND	" " " " 6.
" ALBERT L. FESSENDEN, Townsend	" " " " 7.
" HENRY M. HUMPHREY . . .	" " " " 8.
" WILLIAM C. ROBINSON . . .	" " " " 10.
" CHARLES W. MOODY	" " " " 11.
" WILLIAM H. PHIPPS	" " " " 12.
" FREDERICK D. ELY	" " " " 13.
" ALBERT H. W. CARPENTER .	" " " " 14.
" RUSSELL MATTHEWS . . .	" " " " 15.
" LEAVITT BATES	" " " " 16.
" FRANK MORTON	" " " " 19.
W. REV. JOSHUA YOUNG	Grand Chaplain.
" F. LYMAN WINSHIP.	Grand Marshal.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, M.D. . .	" Lecturers.
" CHARLES M. AVERY	" Lecturers.
" J. FRANCIS LOTTS	" Lecturers.
" MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
" THOMAS W. DAVIS	Junior Grand Deacon.
" GEORGE R. ROGERS	Senior Grand Steward.

W. James Mills	Junior Grand Stewards.
" Nathaniel Greene, M.D	Junior Grand Stewards.
" Henry N. Fisher	Junior Grand Stewards.
" Joseph Winsor	Grand Sword-Bearer.
" Z. L. Bicknell	Grand Standard-Bearer.
" Otis E. Weld	Grand Pursuivants.
" Henry J. Parker	Grand Pursuivants.
Bro. Frank E. Jones	Grand Tyler.

Proclamation was made by the Grand Marshal in due form.

The Grand Master appointed the following-named Brethren as the Committee on the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, in accordance with the vote passed at the Annual Communication, Dec. 11 :—

W. Henry A. Whitney,	from the	1st	Mas.	District.
" Columbus Corey,	" "	2d	"	"
Bro. John Carr,	" "	3d	"	"
W. G. Arthur Gray,	" "	4th	"	"
" Charles E. Parsons,	" "	5th	"	"
" Elisha P. Dodge,	" "	6th	"	"
" Wesley R. Batchelder,	" "	7th	"	"
" David W. Finsley,	" "	7th	"	"
" Abijah L. Shattuck,	" "	8th	"	"
" Dallas J. Dean,	" "	9th	"	"
" Charles J. Burget,	" "	9th	"	"
" Edmund P. Kendrick,	" "	10th	"	"
Bro. Theodore C. Bates,	" "	11th	"	"
W. George P. Wiggin,	" "	12th	"	"
" Daniel Reed,	" "	12th	"	"
" Edward R. Price,	" "	13th	"	"
" Ezekiel C. Gardiner,	" "	14th	"	"
" Freemam H. Lothrop,	" "	15th	"	"
" James M. Coombs,	" "	15th	"	"
" Z. L. Bicknell,	" "	16th	"	"
" Charlie E. Jones,	" "	17th	"	"
" James B. Shaw,	" "	18th	"	"
" George H. Rhodes,	" "	19th	"	"

The Recording Grand Secretary, in the absence of R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, Chairman of the Committee on Library, who was prevented by an accident from attending this Communication, presented the following report of the committee, which was accepted: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, December 27, 1878.

The Committee on the Library beg leave to report that they have contented themselves during the past year with perfecting our files of Masonic Periodicals and Proceedings of Masonic Grand Bodies by obtaining the current issues of those publications, occasionally supplying a want of an earlier period. They have also devoted considerable time to the preparation for binding of our large collection of pamphlets, consisting of orations, addresses, and sermons. The library is steadily growing, and will well repay a more general and frequent use than it has heretofore received.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SERENO D. NICKERSON,
For the Committee.

R.W. Percival L. Everett, Chairman of the Committee appointed to present suitable resolutions upon the death of R.W. George G. Smith, Past Deputy Grand Master, presented the following: —

MEMORIAL OF R.W. GEORGE G. SMITH.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
December 27, 1878.

Once more we bring the tribute of respect and affection to the memory of a Venerable and Honorable Brother. But the sad duty is attended with many pleasing reminiscences. A long and useful life is rounded with a calm and peaceful end. For more than fourscore years he walked modestly, faithfully, firmly, in the path of duty, diffusing light, and imparting knowledge to all within his circle. He fought the good fight, he kept the faith, and now he sleeps the sleep of the blessed. Like a shock of corn fully ripe, he is gathered home; and our sorrow is sweetly tempered by the fragrant memories of a well-spent life, and the bright vision of that crown of rejoicing which shall continue when time shall be no more.

We do well to improve these frequent opportunities of reviewing the lives of departed Brethren and recording our tribute of gratitude and praise. "We come round the table of memory to banquet on the good deeds of others, and to grow good ourselves by that on which we feed."

Brother Smith was born in Danvers, Massachusetts, September 8, 1795. He was initiated in Columbian Lodge, November 4, 1819, and admitted to membership, May 5, 1820. He served as Senior Deacon, in 1821, and from that time until 1855, was almost constantly in office in that Lodge, or in the Grand Lodge. He was Worshipful Master of Columbian Lodge for seven years; namely, in 1826, '27, '29, '42, '43, '44, and '45. After his service in the last-named year, he acted as Master of Massachusetts Lodge, and was largely instrumental in reviving that old Lodge from the depression caused by the anti-Masonic opposition, and restoring it to its former vigor. He was greatly

admired for his ease, grace, and dignity in the chair; for his accurate and impressive rendering of the ritual; and for his appropriate and instructive Masonic addresses delivered on various occasions. His Masonic work was characterized by the same accuracy of drawing and exquisiteness of finish which distinguished the masterpieces of the engraver's art that came from his hand, and placed him at the very head of his profession. Perfect work was his aim in everything that he undertook. He was a man of strong convictions, and decided opinions, confident of his own judgment, and prompt and energetic in execution. In the chair he was literally the ruling spirit. No mean or selfish motives influenced his Masonic action, and therefore his brethren yielded cheerfully and even approvingly to his wise but somewhat self-asserting rule. In the Grand Lodge, Brother Smith served as Grand Pursuivant from 1826 to 1829 inclusive; as Grand Steward, from 1830 to 1833 inclusive; as a member of the Committee on Finance, from 1827 to 1832, and again from 1850 to 1854. In 1838, 1839, and 1840, he filled the office of Deputy Grand Master. It will be observed that his Masonic life began seven years before the anti-Masonic excitement broke out, covers the whole period of that mad crusade, the years of depression and inaction which followed, and the years of revival from 1845 to 1855. During all this time he served most faithfully, acceptably, and usefully, in every office assigned to him. When the storm broke out he was a young man, just making for himself a name and fame, dependent wholly upon his own clear head and skillful hands. The good opinion and good will of his townsmen were of great importance and value to him, but he would not gain them by the sacrifice of his convictions of right and duty. He never faltered or flinched, but marched boldly on in the front rank, and never laid his armor off until the battle was over and the victory won.

Through good report and through evil report he remained firm, and had the happiness to see the Fraternity reach a degree of prosperity which the most sanguine had not dreamed of. At the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, in 1876, he bore triumphant, exultant testimony to his faith in the principles of our Institution, and his pride in the service it had rendered to humanity.

But few of the signers of the famous Declaration of 1831 are now left. "They who endured the burden of the conflict are fast going to their rest. Every passing gale sighs over another veteran's grave, and ere long the last sage and the last soldier will be seen no more. Soon, too soon, will you seek in vain for even one who can tell you of that day of stout hearts and strong hands." To the memory of one of the most zealous, efficient, and useful of that noble band of Brothers, we here record our tribute of gratitude, admiration, and affection.

PERCIVAL L. EVERETT,
G. WASHINGTON WARREN,
W. W. BAKER,
Committee.

W. Henry J. Parker, presented the following report of the Committee on Charity, which was accepted: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

IN GRAND LODGE, BOSTON, December 11, 1878.

The Committee on Charity submit their annual report: —

They have received from the Grand Treasurer . . .	$1,500 00
From donation	10 00
	$1,510 00

The Disbursements have been as follows: —

For funerals	$150 00
For telegrams, postage, and stationery	25 00
Applicants for charity	1,335 00
	$1,510 00

The calls for assistance are about the same as last year; among the applicants is the usual number of persons who endeavor to live on the Craft, and who are generally prompt in their calls for assistance as soon as they arrive in the city; they are usually without papers or other vouchers for their Masonic standing, but are generally very desirous of being examined. More than the usual number of applicants have been the widows and orphans of Masons, who, from the long-continued dulness of business, have been unable to support themselves, and have been obliged to ask for temporary relief. Among such applicants the committee find the most deserving of their cases.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY J. PARKER,
NATHANIEL GREENE,
JAMES MILLS,
JOHN CARR.

The Recording Grand Secretary submitted the following reports, which were accepted: —

REPORTS OF RECORDING GRAND SECRETARY.

IN GRAND LODGE, Dec. 27, 1878.

The following thirty-two Lodges do not appear to have been represented in Grand Lodge during the past year: —

ADAMS, Wellfleet.
BAY STATE, Montague.
BERKSHIRE, South Adams.
CINCINNATUS, Great Barrington.

EVENING STAR, Lee.
FRANKLIN, Grafton.
GLOBE, Hinsdale.
GREYLOCK, North Adams.
HARMONY, Northfield.
HAYDEN, Brookfield.
HOWARD, South Yarmouth.
HUNTINGTON, Huntington.
LAFAYETTE, North Adams.
MIDDLESEX, Framingham.
MORNING SUN, Conway.
MOUNTAIN, Shelburne Falls.
NEWTON, Wilbraham.
ORANGE, Orange.
ORIENTAL, Edgartown.
PACIFIC, Amherst.
QUABOAG, Warren.
RURAL, Quincy.
ST. JOHN'S, Newburyport.
ST. MARTIN'S, Chatham.
ST. MATTHEW'S, Andover.
SATUIT, Scituate.
SOCIAL HARMONY, Wareham.
THOMAS, Palmer.
TUSCAN, Lawrence.
UPTON, Cheshire.
WILLIAMS, Williamstown.
WISDOM, West Stockbridge.

The following sixteen Lodges do not appear to have been represented during the past two years: —

ADAMS, Wellfleet.
BAY STATE, Montague.
CINCINNATUS, Great Barrington.
GLOBE, Hinsdale.
HUNTINGTON, Huntington.
MORNING STAR, Conway.
MOUNTAIN, Shelburne Falls.
NEWTON, Wilbraham.
PACIFIC, Amherst.
ST. MATTHEW'S, Andover.
SATUIT, Scituate.
SOCIAL HARMONY, Wareham.
THOMAS, Palmer.
UPTON, Cheshire.
WILLIAMS, Williamstown.
WISDOM, West Stockbridge.

The following eight Lodges do not appear to have been represented during the past three years: —

ADAMS, Wellfleet.
BAY STATE, Montague.
HUNTINGTON, Huntington.
NEWTON, Wilbraham.
PACIFIC, Amherst.
SOCIAL HARMONY, Wareham.
THOMAS, Palmer.
WISDOM, West Stockbridge.

The latest printed Proceedings of the following Grand Lodges have been received at the office of the Recording Grand Secretary during the past year: —

ALABAMA.	IOWA.	NEW YORK.
ARKANSAS.	KANSAS.	NORTH CAROLINA.
CALIFORNIA.	KENTUCKY.	NOVA SCOTIA.
CANADA.	LOUISIANA.	OHIO.
COLORADO.	MAINE.	OREGON.
CONNECTICUT.	MANITOBA.	PENNSYLVANIA.
DAKOTA.	MICHIGAN.	PRINCE EDW'D ISLAND.
DELAWARE.	MINNESOTA.	RHODE ISLAND.
DIST. OF COLUMBIA.	MISSISSIPPI.	SOUTH CAROLINA.
ENGLAND.	MISSOURI.	TENNESSEE.
FLORIDA.	MONTANA.	TEXAS.
FRANCE.	NEBRASKA.	UTAH.
GEORGIA.	NEVADA.	VERMONT.
IDAHO.	NEW BRUNSWICK.	VIRGINIA.
ILLINOIS.	NEW HAMPSHIRE.	WASH'N TERRITORY.
INDIANA.	NEW JERSEY.	WISCONSIN.
INDIAN TERRITORY.	NEW MEXICO.	WYOMING.

Charters have been executed for the following Lodges during the past year: —

Lodge.	Location.	Date of Precedence.	Date of Charter.
MUMFORD RIVER,	East Douglas,	Jan. 25, 1877.	March 13, 1878.
ST. GEORGE,	Campello, Brockton,	Feb. 14, 1877.	March 13, 1878.

Diplomas have been issued from the office of the Recording Grand Secretary during the past year, as follows: —

	Master Masons.	Past Masters.
District No. 1	81	4
" No. 2	62	0
" No. 3	68	8
" No. 4	70	4
" No. 5	36	3
" No. 6	63	3
" No. 7	48	9
" No. 8	28	8
" No. 9	40	6
" No. 10	141	0
" No. 11	108	13
" No. 12	67	6

	Master Masons.	Past Masters.
District No. 13	28	4
" No. 14	80	4
" No. 15	22	3
" No. 16	35	6
" No. 17	36	4
" No. 18	47	0
" No. 19	73	0
Chili District	35	2
China "	20	0
	1,188	87

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
Recording Grand Secretary.

The Committee on By-Laws presented the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendations therein contained were adopted : —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, December 27, 1878.

The Committee on By-Laws have examined the full code submitted by Huntington Lodge, Huntington, and recommend it for approval as amended by the committee.

The amendments submitted by Joseph Warren Lodge, Boston, are also recommended for approval.

WM. F. SALMON,
L. W. LOVELL,
THOMAS W. DAVIS.

At fifty-five minutes past five o'clock, P.M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

A procession was formed by the Grand Marshal, and the Brethren were conducted to the banquet-hall, where the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist was duly celebrated after the manner of Masons.

At twelve minutes past nine o'clock, P.M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, the Mystic Circle was formed, Auld Lang Syne was sung, and the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
Recording Grand Secretary.

THE GRAND FEAST.

At the conclusion of the installation ceremonies of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on Friday evening, December 27, 1878, the members of the Grand Lodge in due procession ascended to the Banquet-hall in the Temple, where a bountiful repast was spread.

The Brethren stood around the tables while the divine blessing was invoked by R.W. Bro. William D. Coolidge.

An hour or more was profitably occupied in partaking of the physical entertainment, after which the Grand Master called the Brethren to order, and proposed, as the only two regular sentiments of the evening, which should never be omitted at a celebration of this Feast, —

1st. "The holy Saints John. May we ever revere their memories and emulate their virtues."

2d. "To the memory of our illustrious Brother, George Washington."

These toasts, linking together Masonic traditions

and patriotic memories, were drank by the Brethren standing, and in solemn silence.

After the Brethren were seated, the Grand Master entertained them with an appropriate and characteristic address upon the general interests of the Fraternity, after which he introduced P.G. Masters William D. Coolidge, William S. Gardner, and Percival L. Everett, Bro. John Dean, G. Commandery K.T. of Mass. and R.I., R.W. Brothers Abraham H. Howland, Jr., Henry G. Fay, Edward Avery, Samuel Wells, Tracy P. Cheever, Charles L. Woodbury, and G. Washington Warren, who severally made addresses upon topics of great concern to the Brotherhood, in a manner which afforded special delight to the Brethren who participated in this high Festival of our revered Patron Saint.

At the close of the Feast, the Brethren having united in singing "Auld Lang Syne," separated with the full determination to relax no effort to secure the future prosperity of the Institution and of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

APPENDIX,

CONTAINING

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS, ABSTRACTS OF RETURNS OF LODGES, LODGES IN MASONIC DISTRICTS, LIST OF LODGES AND SECRETARIES, PAST OFFICERS AND PERMANENT MEMBERS, AND ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND LODGE FOR 1879.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

FIRST DISTRICT.

BOSTON, November 27, 1878.

To CHARLES A. WELCH, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — "A year! What is it? The telling of a tale, the passing of a meteor, a dim speck seen for a moment on time's horizon, then dropping into Eternity."

"Remorseless time! fierce spirit of the glass and scythe," reminds me that I must again give an account of my stewardship, as your humble representative in the First Masonic District.

During the year I have made unofficial visits to nearly all the Lodges composing my District, and in the months of October and November, I have made formal and official visits to all, in accordance with Sect. 10 of Art VIII., Part 1, of the Grand Constitutions.

As heretofore, I have been received in the most courteous and loyal manner, thus proving that "Man, man is thy brother," and that "We are members of one great body," to which the Brethren of the First Masonic District respectfully acknowledge allegiance.

The several charters bear evidence of having been jealously guarded from injury.

The Records are in the hands of worthy representatives of the Craft, who have displayed great care, and even enthusiasm, in placing upon record such facts and information as will be of great interest to the reader and historian of the future. I regret that I have not been able to make such a complete examination as in former years, for I have, heretofore, derived great pleasure from reading the entire record for the year in detail.

I am able to report an increase in the number of initiates during the year, although the present number of members is not as large as it was a year ago; the former showing an increase of nearly thirty per cent., the latter a decrease of about one and three-quarters per cent.

The decrease in membership, without regard to new members, amounts to about five and one-half per cent. of the membership a year ago; but the additions reduce the net decrease to about one and three-quarters per cent., as before stated.

The decrease is just about equally divided between death, dimits, and discharges for non-payment of dues. Only one Lodge has escaped the ravages of death, while the dimits and discharges have been issued by eight Lodges each.

Nine Lodges have reduced their membership, three increased, and one remains unchanged. I am able to report an increase of dues to the M.W.G. Lodge of about eight per cent. over those of last year, which is gratifying when we consider the long-continued depression in business. The dues were promptly paid in every instance.

The number of initiates per Lodge ranges from one to twenty, but one Lodge failing to report any work. About one-sixth of the applicants were rejected, showing a proper degree of caution upon the part of the Lodges.

Below I give you the membership of the several Lodges, and the number of members and visitors present, at my official visitations.

Lodges.	Total Membership.	Members Present.	Visitors Present.
Revere	209	36	15
Columbian	291	40	21
St. John's	329	56	23
St. Andrew's	30	21	14
Mt. Lebanon	314	80	49
Massachusetts	208	37	41
Joseph Warren	415	69	57
Germania	99	31	17

Lodges.	Total Membership.	Members Present.	Visitors Present.
Joseph Webb . . .	69	43	148
Winslow Lewis . . .	67	16	13
Aberdour	82	31	16
Zetland	62	17	20
Eleusis	59	25	23

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The decrease in membership, without regard to new members, amounts to about five and one-half per cent. of the membership a year ago; but the additions reduce the net decrease to about one and three-quarters per cent., as before stated.

The decrease is just about equally divided between death, dimits, and discharges for non-payment of dues. Only one Lodge has escaped the ravages of death, while the dimits and discharges have been issued by eight Lodges each.

Nine Lodges have reduced their membership, three increased, and one remains unchanged. I am able to report an increase of dues to the M.W.G. Lodge of about eight per cent. over those of last year, which is gratifying when we consider the long-continued depression in business. The dues were promptly paid in every instance.

The number of initiates per Lodge ranges from one to twenty, but one Lodge failing to report any work. About one-sixth of the applicants were rejected, showing a proper degree of caution upon the part of the Lodges.

Below I give you the membership of the several Lodges, and the number of members and visitors present, at my official visitations.

Lodges.	Total Membership.	Members Present.	Visitors Present.
Revere	209	36	15
Columbian	291	40	21
St. John's	329	56	23
St. Andrew's	30	21	14
Mt. Lebanon	314	80	49
Massachusetts	208	37	41
Joseph Warren	415	69	57
Germania	99	31	17

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Winslow Lewis . . .	67	16	13
Aberdour	82	31	16
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omit), and also calling attention to Sect. 2, of Art. III., Part 4, of the Grand Constitutions. As heretofore, I have been accompanied on my visitations by many Past and Presiding Masters, who, by their presence, have shown their continued interest in our noble Institution, and added dignity to the several occasions, as well as giving pleasure and encouragement to the officers and members of the Lodges visited.

My particular acknowledgments are due to W. Bro. J. M. Rodocanachi, P.M. of Lodge of Eleusis, W. Bro. Henry J. Parker, P.M. of Massachusstts Lodge, and Bro. Robert C. Nichols, of Columbian Lodge, who have for the third season served me regularly in the respective positions of D.D.G.T., D.D.G.S., and D.D.G. Marshal. The latter is "fitted by nature" for his position, and I shall congratulate my successor if he succeeds in finding his peer. As this is probably the last Report I shall be called upon to make, I cannot close it without expressing to you my heartfelt thanks for the honor conferred upon me a year ago when you assumed your present position, and for the uniform kindness you have displayed towards me during our official association.

I shall retire from my position with no little regret, for I have formed many, very many pleasant friendships, and passed many happy hours, within the Lodges of the First Masonic District. May the blessing of Heaven attend you and them.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

HENRY G. FAY,

D.D.G.M. First Masonic District.

SECOND DISTRICT.

SOMERVILLE, December 9, 1878.

To CHARLES A. WELCH, *Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:—*

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER,—I have the honor to submit my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District of this commonwealth for the present Masonic year.

I have officially, and accompanied by a full suite, visited all the Lodges in my District, with the exception of Faith Lodge, of Charlestown, Star of Bethlehem Lodge, of Chelsea, and Mount Olivet Lodge, of Cambridge. I was prevented from making my anticipated visitations to these three Lodges by circumstances which I did not foresee when I made the appointments for the same, and which, when I had the honor of being appointed to my present position in the Grand Lodge, I did not anticipate would arise to conflict with the full performance of my duties in that position.

By consent of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, I deputed Worshipful E. Frank Everett to visit, in my behalf, Faith Lodge and Mount Olivet Lodge; and Worshipful Charles H. White to visit Star of Bethlehem Lodge; and I hereby express my acknowledgments to them for the favor, and for their efficiency in the discharge of their duties. They expressed themselves as pleased with the appearance of these Lodges, and with their work.

It is with pleasure that I am enabled to report that the Lodges which I have visited are worthy of commendation for their work, and the appearance of the Lodges, and the records, and for the apparent interest of the members. While, of course, there was a very considerable difference between the Lodges, not so much in regard to the verbal accuracy of the work, as in regard to the manner or what I may call the "style" of performing it, and while some of the Lodges are especially to be commended in this respect, yet, on the whole, the work was quite as near to the standard of excellence as could reasonably be expected.

I was pleased also to see that the members of the Lodges seemed to take a personal interest in the affairs of their respective Lodges, and of Masonry, and to witness the evidences that Masonry is not degenerating into a cold creed of mere forms, but that the members of the Order outside of all the work and formulas, have a warm and active interest in the craft, and cultivate and keep alive brotherly, charitable, and social feelings for each other.

While in most of the Lodges, or, at least, in many, the mem-

bers have yet decreased, yet this seems to me to be no evidence of a decline in interest in Masonry, but only of the times of financial depression from which the whole community is suffering, and perhaps is also evidence that the Lodges are exercising a more careful scrutiny into the character of all applicants, recognizing that it is not so much an increase of numbers that is to be desired by Lodges, — as if they were Mercantile Institutions, anxious to make a good exhibit in the way of receipts and dues, — as keeping the standard of Masonry up to the highest point, and admitting into the Craft only men of that upright and honorable and unimpeachable character and habits, which shall be an honor to the Institution.

I have granted only one Dispensation for conferring the Degrees out of regular course. In making my official visits I have been assisted by several Past Masters and other prominent Masons, who have officiated as members of the suite, and I desire to express my acknowledgments to them, and especially to Worshipful Henry F. Woods, who kindly, and, sometimes, at personal inconvenience to himself, officiated as Marshal of the delegation at all the visitations which I made.

Please accept my thanks, Most Worshipful Brother, for the honor which you have conferred upon me by appointing me to this office.

Very respectfully and fraternally yours,

SELWYN Z. BOWMAN,
D.D.G.M. Second Masonic District.

THIRD DISTRICT.

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,
THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT,
EAST BOSTON, November 30, 1878.

M. W. CHARLES A. WELCH, *Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — In accordance with the requirements of the honorable position which I have held as your District Deputy Grand Master for the Third Masonic District,

it gives me much pleasure to make my report to you for the year just past. It is a pleasure, because I have nothing but pleasant things upon which to report. The year has been one of complete harmony; the spirit of brotherly love has prevailed; consequently nothing but prosperity could reign within our borders. And, with such an immediate past, the future holds nothing for these Lodges but continued prosperity.

The Grand Constitutions require the District Deputy to visit each Lodge within his District once during the year, to witness an exemplification of its work, examine its Records, By-Laws, etc. This duty I have cheerfully performed, and feel a peculiar satisfaction in reporting to you that all the Lodges are in most excellent working condition, showing a carefulness and correctness in their work that reflects the highest credit upon them. The officers almost universally have realized the importance of such carefulness, and have consequently imparted the requisite impressiveness to the work.

In all cases the Records are full and complete, embracing everything that it is necessary should be thus preserved, and they are kept with a degree of neatness and care that is worthy of unstinted praise.

The annual Returns of the Lodges have been promptly transmitted to me, and in all cases they are correct. These, together with the full amount of dues, I have passed to the proper Grand Officers.

The number of initiates, as shown in the Returns, falls a little short of the number for the previous year, which is accounted for by the general business depression, and from no lack of interest in our ancient and beneficent Order.

I have granted five Dispensations during the past year, for good and sufficient reasons; the Brethren thus favored being most of the time away from home on foreign voyages. In all cases they had taken the first degree; the second was due them, and with it the third has been conferred for the reason above stated. I have ever felt the importance of great circumspection in the matter of conferring degrees by Dispensation, which the interest of the Craft demands.

In closing my third year as District Deputy of the Third Masonic District, which will be my last, I cannot resist the strong desire to acknowledge my gratitude for the uniform courtesy that has been shown to me by all the Brethren, and the ready assistance that they have ever been ready to give me. The little amenities that are cheerfully bestowed, go far to make the duties of a position like this pleasant and profitable, and such I have received in unstinted measure.

Nor would I forget to recognize the honor that you and your predecessor have conferred upon me in appointing me to the responsible position which I have striven faithfully to fill. Three years ago the Lodges of the District came into my hands in comparatively good condition, allowance to be made for the fact that the new ritual had then recently been introduced, and the work had not become fully familiar. In closing my services for the year past, I am happy to be able to report that the Lodges of the District are up to the full standard of excellence. In closing this report I cannot forbear saying that the remembrance of my association with the Brethren of the District, both officially and unofficially during these three years, will be of the most pleasant character. That continued prosperity may attend these beloved Brethren and our glorious Craft everywhere; that the Great Master may preserve you in health, and that your efficient services may long be a blessing to our Grand Lodge, is the earnest prayer of

Yours fraternally,

SETH C. AMES,

D.D.G.M. Third Masonic District.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

SOUTH NATICK, NOV. 29, 1878.

M. Worshipful CHARLES A. WELCH, *Grand Master:* —

DEAR SIR, — I have the honor to submit the following report of my official acts, as District Deputy Grand Master, for the Fourth Masonic District: —

I have personally visited each of the Lodges within my jurisdiction.

Their Charters I found in excellent preservation. Their By-Laws are in proper form, and all, save one, have the seal of the Grand Lodge affixed. This omission I suggested should be rectified.

The Records are in every case neatly kept, and, with some slight exceptions, are sufficienctly full.

The Returns were in most cases correct; but in one or two it was necessary to return them for correction. A little more care on the part of the Secretaries would prevent the occurrence of errors which are always more readily made than discovered and remedied.

The Grand Lodge dues have all been promptly paid.

I have witnessed a specimen of work in each Lodge in most instances, with candidates, in two or three, with substitutes. I take great pleasure in testifying to the general accuracy and impressiveness with which the Ritual was rendered, with three exceptions. In these three the officers were newly elected and worked the degree for the first time. Hence, no criticisms were made, though in other instances newly elected officers did themselves and their Lodges great credit by their proficiency.

All the suggestions I have thought proper to make have been received in the same friendly spirit with which they were offered.

The amount of work done varies much in different Lodges, as is shown by the Returns; but an average shows a marked increase in membership.

I have granted two Dispensations to confer degrees out of course. In both instances the candidates were unexpectedly called out of the jurisdiction of the Lodge, and could not delay their departure without serious detriment to their interests.

My acknowledgments are due to the Brethren who, at different times, have accompanied me on my suite, more especially to W. Brother D. H. L. Gleason, as a most acceptable Marshal, and to Brother C. H. Whitcomb, as an efficient Secretary.

I would add that I have been received in the Lodges with the

courtesy due to my official position as your Representative, and in the banquet-rooms with true Masonic hospitality; and I feel that you have every reason to be satisfied with the condition of your old Masonic District.

Thanking you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have done me,

I am very respectfully and fraternally yours,

G. J. TOWNSEND,
D.D.G.M. Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

LYNN, Oct. 15, 1878.

To CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, ESQ., *M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — I have the honor to submit my annual report as D.D.G.M. of the Fifth Masonic District, accompanied by the proper Returns.

I have officially visited each of the thirteen Lodges in this District, and in each Lodge have been received with the hearty hospitality and cordial welcome which come from the teachings of friendship, morality, and Brotherly Love. Every facility has been afforded me by the officers and members in the discharge of my official duties, and all the suggestions and friendly criticisms have been received in the best spirit.

Although the amount of work performed is less than during some previous years, it seems to have been well done; there is a strict adherence to the language of the Ritual, and an intelligent, impressive mode in performing the ceremonies of the degrees. It is the practice of nearly all the Lodges in this District to oblige the candidates to rehearse in open Lodge the first section of the lecture of each degree before he is allowed to receive the next degree. This custom finds favor with officers and candidates, and has proved to be productive of beneficial results.

Much credit is due to the Master and other officers of the

Lodges for the manner in which they have striven to attain to verbal exactness of the Ritual, as now ordered by the Grand Lodge.

On the occasion of nearly every official visit I have taken a full staff of experienced Brethren, for whose kindness I hereby express acknowledgments. I have carefully examined the Charters, and find them all in a good state of preservation. The Records are carefully and neatly kept, and the By-Laws properly approved. The dues to the Grand Lodge are promptly paid at the time of receiving the Returns.

The general character and standing of the Institution throughout the District, I think, is steadily improving, and a disposition to exercise greater care in receiving candidates.

Thanking you for the honor of the appointment as your Representative in this District, and trusting that my efforts will meet with your approval,

Permit me to remain

Yours truly and fraternally,

WILLIAM C. MAXWELL,
D.D.G.M. Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

LAWRENCE, MASS., November 22, 1878.

CHAS. A. WELCH, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master:* —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — Enclosed you will find the annual returns of Lodges in the Sixth District, and I respectfully submit the following report: —

I have visited officially the several Lodges, and, with one exception, have witnessed the mode of work in all.

I find the Charters in good preservation, the Records faithfully kept, the By-Laws approved by the Grand Lodge, and the work, in the main, excellent, not only in its adherence to the letter of the ritual, but also in the manner of its rendition.

In every case I carefully noted any variation, and in a kindly spirit called the attention of the officers to the same.

You may form an idea of the interest manifested by the

officers of the several Lodges from the fact, that in one instance the work of the Third degree was rendered with but four slight variations from the established Ritual; and in others with but one or two more.

Two of the Lodges conferred the First degree, two the Second, and eight the Third.

I installed the Officers of Grecian Lodge, as they had no work. And in addition to witnessing the work of Bethany Lodge, I publicly installed its officers.

There have been two applications for Dispensations to confer the degrees out of regular course. In one instance I felt it to be my duty to refuse; in the other, as the Candidate had removed to another locality, I granted the request to confer the Second and Third degrees on the same evening, some months having elapsed since the conferring of the First degree.

In every visit I was accompanied by a full suite of Officers, and was everywhere received in the kindest and most fraternal manner.

I am under many obligations to the several brethren who honored me with their assistance, especially to Past Worshipful Brother M. N. Howe who, on every occasion, save one, acted as Grand Marshal.

The amount of work in the District does not equal that of other years, but it has been well and faithfully done, and, now that our industrial establishments — on which this District largely depends — are beginning to manifest signs of returning prosperity, we may reasonably hope for a greater addition to the ranks of our beloved Order.

Duly appreciating the honor conferred on me in having been appointed to the responsible position of District Deputy, with the highest considerations of personal respect for yourself, and with best wishes for the continued prosperity of the Grand Body you so faithfully represent,

I am, dear Sir and M.W. Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

THOMAS LEYLAND,

D.D.G.M. Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

LOWELL, November 21, 1877.

To CHARLES A. WELCH, *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:—*

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER,—I have now the honor of submitting my fourth annual report as Deputy for the Seventh Masonic District. It is gratifying to be able to state that all the Lodges in this District are in a highly prosperous condition. As regards the number of candidates, the average for each Lodge during the past year may be smaller than in some previous years, but the aggregate will compare favorably. There is more uniformity in the work, more exactness in compliance with the Ritual, and more careful attention given to the small but important details than it has ever been my pleasure to notice before. The Returns have been given me, and the dues promptly paid on demand in every instance.

In nearly every case the work which I witnessed was exemplified for the first time by officers recently elected to their respective positions. This might be regarded as both fortunate and unfortunate: unfortunate in that it placed the officers under undue embarrassment and restraint; fortunate in that it enabled me to see that if the work could be so well done under such peculiar circumstances, a promise was thereby given of the attainment of great excellence in the future.

There is one other feature in respect to which there seems a determination to improve. Reference is here made to the style of the officers in the recital of the lectures during the work of the degrees. There is nothing more stupid, both for the candidates and the members who are listeners, than to hear officers, in their great desire to use the exact words of the Ritual, recite their parts in a mumbling, prosy way, seemingly uninterested in the thought to be expressed, and indifferent as to the impression made upon the candidate. This is almost as painful as to be compelled to listen to the slip-shod, mouthing style. A successful officer combines an intelligent comprehension of his

work with feeling, and by a proper degree of earnestness, with a clear, careful, thoughtful utterance, holds the attention of listeners, and creates an interest where it might be supposed not to exist. Much credit is due to the Lodges in the District in this regard, for, as a rule, the officers aim at exact and intelligent work.

It is the uniform habit throughout this District to oblige the candidate to give in open Lodge a portion of the lecture belonging to one degree before he can be allowed to receive the next. Although this custom fixes upon certain ones no small amount of labor and patience, it is a practice productive of incalculable good.

Nearly a full suite of officers has accompanied me on every visitation. On every occasion we have been received with marked respect and the utmost cordiality. Thus has loyalty been evinced toward the Grand Body which we had the honor to represent. I shall ever retain most pleasant remembrances of the Brethren whose acquaintance I have made during the four years of my official service. Friendships have been formed which, I hope, it will be mutually agreeable to cherish amid the various changes which future years may bring.

To all the Brethren of the Seventh District I desire to express a feeling of gratitude for their kindness, and a wish that prosperity may always attend them.

Be pleased, M.W. Grand Master, to accept expressions of appreciation of the high trust imposed upon me, and sincere thanks for the honor conferred by service as your District Deputy.

With sincere wishes for your prosperity,

I remain most respectfully and fraternally,

SOLON W. STEVENS,
D.D.G.M. Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

ATHOL, Dec. 3, 1878.

To CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, ESQ., *Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:* —

I have the honor to submit my second annual report, for the current year of the several Lodges in this jurisdiction.

I have officially visited each of the Lodges, examined their Charters, Records, and By-Laws, witnessed their work, and attended to such other interests as duty demanded.

By reference to the Returns it will be seen that the amount of work performed is considerably less than during several preceding years, which seems to be owing not so much to a lack of interest on the part of the Fraternity as to an extreme depression in financial and business affairs, and which in some parts of the District has been of great severity.

Notwithstanding this fact, however, and that for certain reasons it has been impossible to have an exemplification of the work in the District during the year, the work seems to have been fairly and creditably performed, in some instances remarkably so, more than maintaining, in my opinion, the standard of the past.

It is hoped and desired by the officers and others in the Lodges that it will be possible during the coming year to hold an exemplification of the work and lectures, that they may, as workmen, reach the high standard adopted by the Grand Lodge.

In my official visits, as last year, I have been received with the utmost cordiality and courtesy, and have met with pleasure large numbers of visiting Brethren on these occasions, indicating the pleasant relations between the Lodges and Brethren.

Brotherly Love and Peace prevail in and between the Lodges, with perhaps one exception, and in that it is to be hoped and expected that the spirit and teaching of the Institution, aided possibly by the paternal advice of the Grand Lodge, will restore that harmony and concord which has been their characteristic for so many years.

During the year a Dispensation for a new Lodge — Mechanics, of Turners Falls — has been granted, and, with unusually favorable prospects, it is now working with skill and success.

In concluding this report, I wish to return my heartfelt thanks to the Brethren of this District for their cordial welcome and hospitality, to the Brethren who have accompanied me as members of my suite, and to yourself, M.W. Grand Master, for the honor conferred by this appointment, and for your unfailing kindness and courtesy.

I am respectfully and fraternally yours,

H. M. Humphrey,
D.D.G.M. Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH DISTRICT.

Pittsfield, Dec. 6, 1878.

Charles A. Welch, Esq., *M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:* —

Dear Sir and Brother, — Having completed another year's labor as District Deputy Grand Master, I beg to submit a report of my doings: —

I have officially visited all the Lodges in the Ninth District, and in each have made the required examinations, and had exhibited for my inspection some portion of the work of the Lodge. In making these visits, it has been my practice to detail one of my suite to take special notice of the work and Ritual, and at its conclusion to make such corrections and suggestions as seemed necessary. In this way I trust my visits to the Lodges have been beneficial in helping to secure a greater uniformity and harmony in the work. From year to year a marked improvement in this particular has been manifest, so that now the Lodges, generally, in the district have become quite proficient.

I have found the greatest informality in the matter of sus-

pension from membership for the non-payment of dues. In a number of cases the records did not show that the provisions of the Grand Constitution had been complied with; but where I found that the spirit of the law had been followed I advised an amendment of the records to correspond with the facts. In one case where thirteen were reported as suspended, I found the only entry upon the record was, in substance, the following vote: "*Voted*, That all members who are four dollars or more in arrears for dues be suspended from membership." I could not learn that the provision requiring "due notice of the time when, and place where action would be had," etc., had been attempted to be complied with, neither did the record show the name of any person as affected by the vote. Upon their attention being called to the matter, the thirteen names were stricken from the return.

I have not been called upon during the year to grant a Dispensation for any purpose.

The returns of the Lodges in this district show an increase of eleven initiates, and a falling off of forty-two members, as compared with last year's returns. The whole amount of dues ($1,077) has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

I beg to acknowledge the uniform courtesy and kindness with which, as your representative, I have been received and entertained by the Lodges and Brethren of the District. I feel under particular obligation to W. Brother George C. Dunham, who has accompanied me on all my official visits, and who, by his great skill in the Art, has been enabled to impart much instruction to the Craft.

Thanking you for the high honor of a reappointment to so important a position,

I remain,

Yours truly and fraternally,

H. S. Russell,
D.D.G.M. Ninth District.

TENTH DISTRICT.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., November 18, 1878.

To CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, *Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — I have the honor to present herewith my second annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Tenth District.

I am glad to be able to report the continued prosperity of the Institution in this part of the Grand Lodge jurisdiction. Both in the financial affairs of the Lodges, and in the amount of work done, the year's record is a good one. There has been a slight falling off in the number of initiates, as will be seen by the abstract of Returns accompanying the report. The Ritual recently adopted by the Grand Lodge is now thoroughly understood and firmly established in the Lodges; and it is of no small consequence to have an unvarying standard of reference.

I have personally visited each Lodge in my District, witnessing the work and inspecting its affairs with entirely satisfactory results. The Grand Lodge dues have been promptly and cheerfully met, and I am able to remit the entire sum to the Grand Treasurer at the time of making this report.

The addition of Morning Sun Lodge, of Conway, to this District, has offered me an opportunity of extending a very pleasant Masonic acquaintance, and my thanks are due to the Brethren of that Lodge for a very cordial and pleasant reception.

Three Dispensations for conferring the degrees out of regular time have been granted during the year; seeming to be justified by emergencies. I am mindful of the honors received at your hands, and those of your honored predecessor in office, in my appointment to the office of District Deputy Grand Master. Many pleasant memories cluster about these two years of service, and the remembrance of many fraternal greetings will be carried through life. But withal, I am constrained by pressure of the active duties of life to decline a reappointment.

Fraternally your obedient servant,

JOHN A. HALL,
D.D.G.M. Tenth Masonic District.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

WORCESTER, November 25, 1878.

To CHARLES A. WELCH, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:* —

Again, by the flight of time, I am reminded that the year is drawing to a close, and duty requires the report of my stewardship to the Grand East.

Reviewing my labors, the term of office now expiring has been of peculiar pleasure to me, for in all my intercourse with the Brethren of the District I have met an extremely cordial and fraternal feeling, nor has a single instance come to my notice where anything but the utmost harmony and concord have prevailed, and I can say that we are united and of one mind in the noble purpose to strengthen and support our Grand Lodge.

The process, commenced two years ago, of weeding out the dead wood found in most any one of our subordinate Lodges, has continued with good results, and to-day you scarcely can find an unsound support in our beloved structure.

My report to the Grand Treasurer shows an increase in the amount of work accomplished, and, together with a small decrease in expenses, I have been enabled to transmit a greater amount of funds than in either of three preceding reports.

I have more thoroughly examined the Records, have been called to make some suggestions which I trust will merit approval, and have tried to impress upon the Lodges the importance of a full and detailed report of their proceedings, and at the same time the grave fault of too often changing the office of Secretary.

The surroundings attached to Masonry, and the influences of social life, make the present time more becoming in us to live like men and good Masons, — to exert an influence for good in the community in which we live.

Three applications for Dispensations to confer the degrees in less time than the Constitutions require, have been presented; two of them accompanied with good reasons for making such

requests, and in said cases a Dispensation was granted; in the other, which did not seem to be justified, my consent was withheld.

My connections and affiliations with the members of the M.W. Grand Lodge during the year have been of the most pleasant and agreeable nature, and in closing my labors for the term, I am keenly reminded of the loss of our faithful and esteemed Grand Treasurer, and most excellent and genial Grand Secretary. May their memories be ever fresh and cherished in our hearts as we deplore their loss to-day.

In closing, allow me to express that I have appreciated the honor you conferred upon me, and trust that my efforts for the advancement of our Institution will bring good results and meet with your approval.

Very truly and fraternally yours,

CHARLES W. MOODY,
D.D.G.M. Eleventh District.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

SOUTH FRAMINGHAM, NOV. 15, 1878.

CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, ESQ., *Most Worshipful Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I herewith submit to you my first report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Twelfth Masonic District. I have visited officially the fourteen Lodges comprising this District, most of them with a full suite.

I have witnessed the work in one of the three degrees in all the Lodges except two. I find the officers well posted, and the work rendered in a correct and impressive manner.

The Grand Lodge dues have been cheerfully and promptly paid, and I have transmitted the same to the Grand Treasurer.

I have granted Dispensations in only one instance, and then the circumstances seemed to require it, the party being about to change his residence to a distant State.

As your representative I have been kindly and courteously received by the Brethren, and every facility has been afforded me in the examination of the affairs of each Lodge.

I desire to express my thanks to the Brethren who have so kindly accompanied me as members of my suite. Especially am I indebted to Worshipful Brother Wm. H. Chenery, who has so admirably performed the duties of Marshal.

Thanking you for the honor you have conferred upon me, in appointing me as your representative in this District, and trusting that the performance of my official duties will meet your approval,

I remain,

Very truly and fraternally yours, etc.,

WM. H. PHIPPS,
D.D.G.M. Twelfth District.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

DEDHAM, Nov. 30, 1878.

To CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — Having been honored by you with the commission of District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth Masonic District, I have attended to the duties of the office, and make the following report: —

I have granted two Dispensations for conferring the degrees out of the usual time, viz.: —

On May 9, 1878, to Hyde Park Lodge, to give the second degree to Joseph Mayo Wild; and on June 8, 1878, to Blue Hill Lodge, to give the second and third degrees to Charles Edgar Davenport on the same evening.

Under a Dispensation granted by you October 7, 1878, the work and lectures of the three degrees were exemplified for the benefit of the Brethren of the Thirteenth Masonic District at the Masonic Temple in Boston on Oct. 16, 1878; the first degree

by Rising Star Lodge, Stoughton, the second by Norfolk Lodge, Needham, and the third by Hyde Park Lodge, Hyde Park, and all under the direction of Grand Lecturer W. Charles M. Avery. The work was done with accuracy and impressiveness. My thanks are sincerely returned to the officers of these Lodges, who, by much effort and at some inconvenience, have thus aided me in my endeavor to advance to a higher degree of perfection the Masonic work of our District.

I have made an official visitation to each of the Lodges of this District, and have carefully examined the Records, By-Laws, and mode of work. My visitations were attended by a large number of Brethren coming from a circuit of from ten to fifteen miles, thus showing the deep and earnest interest which the members of the Fraternity in this District take in the welfare of the Institution. The work was listened to thoughtfully, and each Brother seemed desirous of giving his countenance and of adding his influence toward making the occasion pleasant, interesting, and profitable. I found in all the Lodges sincere love for our Institution, earnest desire for good work, fraternal feeling toward the Grand Lodge, and true Masonic harmony.

Your presence and eloquent words on the evenings of my visitations to Rising Star and Constellation Lodges were a great pleasure and gratification to those Lodges and myself. I assure you that we gladly welcomed you, not alone as our Grand Master, but also as a Brother true to the best and highest interests of the Institution, firm in preserving its ancient landmarks, able in defending it from both external and internal dangers.

In closing, I desire to thank the Brethren who have accompanied me on my several visitations, and especially to W. David L. Hodges, and Brother Edwin A. Brooks, who have respectively filled the positions of Marshal and Secretary.

I am, with great respect,

Very truly and fraternally yours,

FREDERICK D. ELY,

D.D.G.M. Thirteenth Masonic District.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

FALL RIVER, November 28, 1878.

To CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — I have the honor herewith to submit my third annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourteenth Masonic District.

Contrary to my expectations the amount paid the Grand Lodge is some thirty dollars more than last year, and within eighteen dollars of as much as has ever been received from the District in any year.

Complete harmony and good-will continue to prevail, except in a single Lodge, in which I discover elements of discord, tending to weaken it still more, while it already had a full share of that quality.

At all my official visits I was received and treated, as your representative, with the utmost kindness and consideration, and the work was exhibited in some one of the degrees in every Lodge, and was generally well done.

The following table will show the average attendance during the year, and the number present at time of the visits to each Lodge: —

	Members Present.	Visitors Present.	Average. Attendance.
Union, Nantucket	29	5	26
Marine, Falmouth	31	6	16
Star in the East, New Bedford	79	27	41
Mount Hope, Fall River	59	31	36
Eureka, New Bedford	38	26	28
Martha's Vineyard, Vineyard Haven	12	4	12
Mayflower, Middleboro'	28	6	26
Pioneer, Somerset	20	20	17
King Philip, Fall River	38	17	26
Oriental, Edgartown	9	4	12
Concordia, Fairhaven	26	26	27
Narragansett, Fall River	27	37	26

During the year but two Dispensations have been granted to confer the degrees in advance of the time when due. Two applications for Dispensations for new Lodges have also been made, one of which was held in abeyance for some time; and, until during the last quarter, the Lodge has commenced its work under favorable auspices; the other I felt impelled to refuse an approval of, and was pleased to have the commendation of the Grand East upon the reasons given therefor.

There is considerable inquiry as to the continuance or cessation of the special tax of one dollar annually upon each affiliated member of the fraternity, and while I think each individual Mason worthy of the name would feel it to be a disgrace for the Grand Lodge to fail to meet its obligations promptly, yet there is good reason for a full explanation of the situation and necessities of the case to be given to all the members. I have had the honor of publicly installing the officers of three of the Lodges of the District, and they were occasions of much pleasure.

In conclusion, I desire to tender my thanks to you for honoring me with this appointment, and to the Brethren who have accompanied me on my visits, especially Worshipful Brother Daniel Stevens, of Narragansett Lodge, who has acted as Marshal at every visit this year and at most of them during the two previous years.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

ABRAHAM G. HART,
D.D.G.M. Fourteenth Masonic District.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

BARNSTABLE, November 25, 1878.

To CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, ESQ., *Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:—*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I have the honor herewith to submit my annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Fifteenth Masonic District.

In the discharge of that duty, I would respectfully say that I have visited officially all of the Lodges in this District, and in every instance have been received with the utmost kindness and consideration.

It also affords me great pleasure to state that the Charters are well preserved, By-Laws approved, and the Records neatly and fully kept, for which the Secretaries of the several Lodges deserve great credit.

I have also witnessed a specimen of the work in each Lodge, with one exception, with great satisfaction at its correctness.

Several applications for Dispensations to confer the degrees short of the usual time required have been received, and where circumstances seemed to fully justify them, I have granted them.

I have officiated at public installations in four of the Lodges of the District, which were occasions of great interest and pleasure.

You will see by an examination of the returns, that the amount of work has been less than last year, but the officers of the Lodges manifest a greater interest to perfect themselves in the work and Ritual.

By virtue of a Dispensation granted by you on the 17th day of January, the exemplification of the work and lectures of the three degrees were exemplified at the Masonic Hall in Sandwich, under the direction of W. Bro. Charles M. Avery, Grand Lecturer. The work was performed by the officers of the several Lodges in a very able and impressive manner. The meeting was in every way a success, and was fully represented by each Lodge. Before the close of the meeting, it was unanimously voted to hold a meeting the ensuing year.

In my visitations I have earnestly urged the Masters of the Lodges to require the candidate to pass an examination on the preceding before he can advance to a succeeding degree. The Lodges where this has been omitted have received it with great favor, and I trust that it will be productive of beneficial results.

I would also acknowledge at this time my indebtedness to the

Brethren who have been so ready to accompany me on my official visits, and so ably aided me in the discharge of my duty; and particularly to Brothers Wilson and Cook, who have so faithfully performed their duties as Marshals.

In closing the duties of the year, permit me to thank you for the kindness shown and honor conferred, expressing the hope that I have performed the duties so as to meet your approbation.

Fraternally and truly yours,

RUSSELL MATTHEWS,
D.D.G.M. of the Fifteenth Masonic District.

BARNSTABLE, November 30, 1878.

R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER, ESQ., *Recording Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:—*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your communication of the 29th was duly received. In reply to the Most Worshipful Grand Master's request, I will say that during the year I have granted seven Dispensations. As the M.W. Grand Master is aware, the Fifteenth Masonic District is a maritime one, and a large proportion of the Brethren are mariners. Such is the case of five Dispensations granted, where the Brethren were obliged to leave before the time allowed to receive their degrees. One of the Dispensations granted was for the reason that the Brother was going to move away and not to return; and the last instance was where there was a week before the time expired to receive his third, and the Lodge was to close for three months, and as the Brother was strictly examined in the two previous degrees, I thought I could with propriety grant it.

At the suggestion of the M.W. Grand Master at the Quarterly Communication in September last, I have spoken in all my visitations to the Lodges in the District in regard to Dispensations. I hope that there will not be so many applied for during the coming year.

Truly and fraternally yours,

RUSSELL MATTHEWS,
D.D.G.M. of the Fifteenth Masonic District.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

EAST WEYMOUTH, MASS, November 30, 1878.

To Most Worshipful CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, *Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I have the honor to submit herewith my first annual report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixteenth Masonic District.

I have officially visited all the Lodges in the District with a full suite (composed of presiding and Past Masters from the several Lodges), and it gives me pleasure to inform you that I can report them in a healthy, and, considering the financial depression which has existed the past five years, prosperous condition, the amount paid to me for Grand Lodge dues being thirty-one dollars less than the amount received the previous year.

I have examined the Charters, By-Laws, Records, and witnessed an exemplification of the work of one of the degrees in each Lodge.

I have found the Charters to be well preserved. The By-Laws are in accordance with the regulations of the Grand Lodge, and, with one exception, have been approved by that body, and in that case, in calling the attention of the Lodge to the importance of it, I was assured it should be attended to. The Records have been correctly and neatly kept; in some Lodges in a most admirable manner, which could hardly be excelled. The work throughout the District has been very good; in some of the Lodges of a high order. The officers of the several Lodges appear to vie with each other to obtain a degree of excellence, and are animated with a desire to perfect themselves in the Ritual, to enable them to confer the degrees in a correct and impressive manner.

The Returns have been promptly made and ready on the occasion of my official visit.

I have granted two Dispensations for conferring the degrees out of regular time, and these for good and sufficient reasons which I have no doubt would meet with your approval.

No Lodge has appeared in public procession, except for Masonic burial.

The following tabular statement shows the number of members, Commmunications, and average attendance, also the members and visitors present at my official visit: —

Lodge.	No. Members.	No. Meetings.	Average Attendance.	Members Present.	Visitors Present.
Plymouth . .	136	31	18	40	20
Puritan . .	103	18	22	43	19
Phœnix . .	51	12	15	26	25
Satuit . .	40	17	21	31	58
Corner-Stone .	67	15	18	42	28
John Cutler .	119	14	18	42	28
Old Colony .	101	16	32	47	35
Orphans' Hope .	167	14	43	83	37
Konohassett .	71	12	18	20	40
Delta . . .	107	15	29	52	49

I have been received with the greatest kindness and courtesy, and with expressions of friendship and hospitality, which were a source of much pleasure to me, for which I desire to express my sincere thanks to the officers and members of the several Lodges throughout the District, also to the Brethren who have accompanied me as members of my suite.

Thanking you, Most Worshipful, for the honor of my appointment, and wishing you a long and happy life,

I am respectfully and fraternally yours,

LEAVITT BATES,
D.D.G.M. Sixteenth Masonic District.

BOSTON, December, 1878.

To CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, ESQ., *M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — In my report to you I stated that I had granted two Dispensations for conferring the degrees out of regular time. The reasons were as follows: —

The first case was in favor of George Eaton Wilde, who made application for the degrees in Corner-Stone Lodge, Duxbury, and after his election, he received word that his ship — of which he was first mate — would sail within ten days for the East Indies, to be away between two and three years.

The second was in the case of Charles Clement Bates, who made application for the degrees in Plymouth Lodge, Plymouth. He accepted a professorship in a college out of the State, and was to remove there, but wished his degrees from Plymouth Lodge, as he was born and bred in Plymouth, which reasons, under the circumstances, I considered satisfactory, and hope they may prove so to you.

Yours fraternally,

LEAVITT BATES,
D.D.G.M. Sixteenth District.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

MEDFORD, December 8, 1878.

To CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, ESQ., *M.W.G.M. of Masons in Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — I have the honor to submit the following report of my doings under the commission you were pleased to grant me.

During the winter and spring I visited unofficially every Lodge in my District, and was always very kindly received by the officers and Brethren. The attendance in almost every instance was small, and the interest seemingly very low. I endeavored, as far as able, to inspire confidence in individual as well as collective effort, which would be a sure presage of returning prosperity. I installed the officers of Mount Hermon Lodge, Medford, January 2, 1878, and of Wyoming Lodge, Melrose, September 25, 1878.

No Dispensations have been asked for. I received of the R.W.G. Secretary eleven diplomas, distributed as called for, also, of same Grand Officer, four Past Master's diplomas, disposed of as per returns.

I visited officially every Lodge, and have been received with the courtesy due the representative of the M.W.G. Master. In every instance the Charters were well preserved. The By-Laws all have the approval of the M.W.G. Lodge.

The Grand Constitutions, with the several amendments thereto, were found in good order.

The returns have been, as far as I can judge, correctly made up, and the Grand Dues promptly paid. The records, in the main, are well kept, in one or two instances not quite so full as I could desire, erring, if at all, upon the right side, explanation of which I made to the Secretaries at the time.

I felt obliged, once or twice, to faithfully (though I hope kindly) reprove some of the officers for the manner of doing their work; generally it has been quite good. So readily can the Ritual be obtained, I have not deemed it necessary to hold a District Exemplification.

I am under obligation to several Past Masters and other Brethren of my own as well as an adjoining District, who have so faithfully served on my suite, some of them at great inconvenience, and more especially to W. Charles E. Bowers, my prompt and efficient Marshal.

Thanking you for the honor conferred, and trusting my acts may meet your approval,

I am respectfully and fraternally yours,

JNO. VIALL,

D.D.G.M. Seventeenth M.D.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

, PALMER, December 24, 1878.

To CHARLES A. WELCH, ESQ., *Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts :—*

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — I have visited officially each of the ten Lodges in this District, and have been uniformly pleased with my reception as your representative, and gratified with the condition in which I found the several Bodies composing the District. All are pleasantly situated in commodious halls and provided with the necessary appointments, and, best of all, well provided with the zeal according to knowledge which promises well for the interests committed to their hands. The work has been well rendered. Owing to the sickness of R.W. Bro. Avery, no exemplification has been held during the year, but one is hoped for next month. Only a single degree has been conferred under a Dispensation. Your appeal for aid in behalf of the sufferers by yellow fever, found our Brethren already at work in various ways toward the same noble end. Two Lodges, viz., Quinnebaug at Southbridge, and Hayden at Brookfield, have made generous donations, which I had the pleasure of sending you. I have installed officers in seven of the Lodges under my care; on two occasions the services were public. My thanks are due, and are hereby cordially given, to the various Brethren who have aided me in my visits, especially to W. Bro. James B. Shaw and Bro. S. S. Taft, both of Thomas Lodge, for their efficient services, rendered in right good will.

By your appointment I am indebted to you for many pleasant visits among the Lodges of this District.

Truly and fraternally yours,

GEORGE ROBINSON,

D.D.G.M. Eighteenth Masonic District.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

RANDOLPH, November 30, 1878.

To CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — With the highest appreciation of the honor you have conferred in constituting me your Deputy in the Nineteenth Masonic District, I have to regret that ill health for several months during the year has prevented me from attending to the duties of the office as faithfully as I could have desired; but, thanks to an overruling Providence, I now have strong assurance of returning health, and herewith most respectfully submit my official report.

In compliance with your warrant, I performed the ceremony of healing, assisted by W. Brothers Fuller and Sangford, in the case of George E. Nelson, within the Body of Paul Revere Lodge, Brockton, on the 7th day of May, of which due return has been already made.

In my official visitations to the several Lodges composing the Nineteenth Masonic District, I was accompanied by a full suite, and was kindly received by all, with strong expressions of friendship and brotherly hospitality.

With great pleasure I am happy to report that I have found the Charters of the several Lodges carefully preserved, their By-Laws approved, with the Seal of the Grand Lodge affixed, their Records well kept, and in some cases models of neatness; their Returns full, complete, and correct. The work of the several Lodges was performed with correctness, and in a manner quite impressive. The officers of the several Lodges seem anxious to excel in their various duties, and I am most happy to report that nothing has occurred to impair the good feeling existing in and between the Lodges in this District. I find them all in a healthy and prosperous condition. Having been prevented by serious illness from visiting in person four of the ten Lodges composing this District, by your permission I made the following arrangement: I deputized W. Bro. John B.

Thayer, of Randolph, to act for me at Fellowship Lodge, Bridgewater; and Rural Lodge, Quincy; W. Bro. Baylies Sanford, Jr., of Brockton, at King David Lodge, Taunton; and W. Bro. Samuel A. Bates, of Braintree, at Charles H. Titus Lodge, of Taunton. For their valuable services and kind wishes I trust I shall be forever grateful.

I have been applied to during the year to grant Dispensations in two cases — one to confer the Second degree, and one the Third — out of course; the reasons given in these, in my judgment, not being sufficient, I declined granting the same.

I have granted only two Dispensations during the year, and both to Norfolk Union Lodge: The first, was to attend the ceremony of laying the corner-stone of the new town hall in Holbrook, by the M.W. Grand Lodge, July 10th, R.W. Deputy Grand Master Howland presiding; the second, to join with the officers of Bethesda Lodge, of Brighton, in the burial services of the remains of Bro. Thomas H. Broderick, for many years a respected citizen of Randolph, and at the time of his death a highly esteemed member of Bethesda Lodge. His burial took place at Randolph, Aug. 5th.

In conclusion, permit me to tender my thanks to the members of my suite for their valuable aid rendered in the performance of my official duties, particularly to W. Bro. N. E. Buck as Marshal, for the prompt, dignified, and acceptable manner in which he discharged the duties of the office. Please accept personally, M. Worshipful, my best wishes for your abundant success in the responsible position you so honorably occupy.

With the highest personal regard,

I am truly and fraternally yours,

FRANK MORTON,

D.D.G.M. Nineteenth Masonic District.

RANDOLPH, MASS., November 27, 1878.

MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER — The accompanying tabular statement will show the condition of the Lodges in this District as compared with the year 1877: —

Lodges.	No. Mem. 1878.	No. Meet. 1878.	Av. Atten. 1878.	No. Mem. 1877.	Av. Atten. 1877.
Fellowship . .	174	44	21	187	
King David . .	262	34	33	259	29
Rural . . .	146	14	24	151	46
Norfolk Union .	72	23	23½	72	22
Paul Revere .	229	35	33	238	32
Alfred Baylies .	117	27	19⅚	122	20
Ionic . . .	109	24	20	108	19
Paul Dean . .	90	28	22	89	25
Charles H. Titus .	58	30	20	55	16
St. George . .	43	28	26		
	1,300	287	242⅔	1,281	

It will be seen by this that the total membership has increased 19, although we have demitted 39, and have lost 10 by death.

Fraternally yours,

FRANK MORTON,

D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT OF CHILI.

VALPARAISO, November 26, 1878.

A year of harmony is closing for this District. Three Lodges are working in it satisfactorily. Their returns have gone forward. The installations in Bethesda and Aconcagua Lodges, I attended in person. That in Huelen Lodge, Santiago, was thoroughly attended to by W.B. P. M. Colbourne, whose returns I have sent you by last mail hence.

The number of initiations has not been very large, as will be seen by the reports, but the Lodges are in a fair condition. Two of them were in a manner crippled by the failure of one of our banks of deposit, but still hold on their way. All are under the guidance of worthy and intelligent officers, whose elections have been characterized by harmony. The retiring W. Masters have received, or will shortly receive, their P.M. Diplomas.

The Brethren have striven to carry on the charitable views of the Institution.

We join here with other Lodges — Chilian, French, German, English, and Scottish — in sustaining a school containing one hundred and sixty lads, who are gathered in from the streets and instructed in a three-years course of education that has now been in existence eight years with very satisfactory results. The Brethren are more and more coming to see that this is fulfilling the noblest purposes of our Fraternity.

With the exception of a case of healing, now before the M.W. Grand Lodge, of Bro. Robert W. MacDonald, and for deciding which there has been delay in order to hear from the Lodge in Greenock, Scotland, I have nothing further at this time to report and urge.

And remain yours fraternally,

DAVID TRUMBULL,
D.D.G.M.

P.S. Diplomas (15) and two P.M.'s Diplomas have come to hand. Reports mentioned by Grand Secretary, October 18th, not yet to hand.

RETURNS OF LODGES.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Saint John's	Boston.	5	5	6	2		13		10	3	329	3		7	
Saint Andrew's . . .	Boston.									5	30			1	
Massachusetts . . .	Boston.	5	4	3	1		2		11	2	208	7	1	4	
Columbian	Boston.	2	3	4			6		5	9	291	3		4	
Mount Lebanon . .	Boston.	11	10	10	2		4			4	314	13		10	
Germania	Boston.	4	3	3	2		3		2	2	99	3			
Winslow Lewis . .	Boston.	2	2	2					1	2	67	2		2	
Revere	Boston.	4	4	4			1			4	209	8		4	
Joseph Warren . . .	Boston.	11	10	10	3		11		5	6	415	11		10	1
Aberdour	Boston.	7	7	7			1		4	3	82	3		7	1
Eleusis	Boston.	1	1	1					3	1	59	3		1	
Zetland	Boston.	3	3	3						1	62	1		4	1
Joseph Webb . . .	Boston.	20	21	26	5						69	28		27	1
		75	73	79	15		41		41	42	2234	85	1	81	4

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

HENRY G. FAY, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
King Solomon's . . .	Charlestown.	10	10	9	2		3		3	5	202	8	1	9	
Amicable	Cambridgeport.	8	4	7	2	4	9		4	1	181	7		7	
Star of Bethlehem . .	Chelsea.	3	3	3	1		29		5	4	217	5		3	
Putnam	East Cambridge.	3	3	6	2		8		4	1	131	6		6	
John Abbott	Somerville.	6	6	6			7		6	1	196	6	2	6	
Henry Price	Charlestown.	6	5	5	1		1		4	2	224	7			
Mount Olivet	Cambridge.	10	7	7	2					1	117	14		9	
Robert Lash	Chelsea.	2	3	1					2		64	2		2	
Faith	Charlestown.	6	5	8	1				1	2	113	4		8	
Palestine	Everett.	2	2	2					5		86	3		3	
		56	48	54	11	4	57		34	17	1531	62	3	53	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

SELWYN Z. BOWMAN, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Washington	Boston Highlands.	5	5	5	1	4			3	5	261	8		5	1
Union	Dorchester.	3	3	3	2	5			6	1	172	5		4	1
Mount Tabor . . .	East Boston.	3	6	5	4	5			3	6	281	8		5	1
St. Paul's	South Boston.	3	3	3		1				5	218	8		5	1
Baalbec	East Boston.	3	3	2	1				3	5	132	2	4	2	1
Gate of the Temple .	South Boston.	6	6	6		6			3	4	153	6		3	1
Hammatt	East Boston.	6	6	6		6			4		105	6	2	6	
Lafayette	Boston Highlands.	3	4	4		3			4	2	99	6		2	1
Adelphi	South Boston.	8	8	8	1	2		1	2		108	7		8	1
Eliot	Jamaica Plain.	3	3	3	1	3			7		74	5		3	1
Rabboni	South Boston.	4	4	4		1			7	1	82	3		4	1
Temple	East Boston.	3	2	3	1				2		113	4		4	
		50	53	52	11	36		1	44	29	1798	68	6	51	10

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Attest:

SETH C. AMES, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Corinthian	Concord.	4	2	2			6		8	2	65	2		1	
Meridian	Natick.	21	21	18	6		1		2	4	191	22		18	1
Bethesda	Brighton.	2	2	2			1		5	2	105	5		2	
Monitor	Waltham.	3	3	3	1				3	1	159	4		3	
Pequossette	Watertown.	4	5	6	1		3		7		114	7	1	6	
Dalhousie	Newtonville.	4	4	4	2		10		4	2	187	4		4	1
Belmont	Belmont.	3	3	5					1		74	1		5	1
Isaac Parker	Waltham.	1	2	2	1				1		87	3	1	2	
Mizpah	Cambridgeport.	5	8	8			3		2		125	4		8	
Beth-horon	Brookline.	6	6	6	1				2	1	67	8		6	
Charles A. Welch . .	Maynard.	6	6	11	3				7	2	62	12		11	1
Fraternity	Newtonville.	3	3	3	1						55	3		3	
		62	65	70	16		24		42	14	1291	75	2	69	4

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Attest:

GEORGE J. TOWNSEND, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Tyrian	Gloucester.	3	4	1	1	3			8	2	128	4			1
Essex	Salem.	2	2	2		10			1	3	93	3		2	
Mount Carmel . . .	Lynn.	5	5	7		20					181	4		1	
Jordan	Peabody.	6	7	7		8			1	1	104	9	1	7	
Liberty	Beverly.	1	1	1		7			1		142	4			1
Ashler	Rockport.	7	7	7	3	8			2	1	136	6	1	4	
Amity	Danvers.	2	1	4	1				2	2	123	4		4	
Starr King	Salem.	4	3	3	3	1			1		97	6		3	
John T. Heard . . .	Ipswich.	5	5	6	1	5			3	2	85	6		6	
Golden Fleece . . .	Lynn.	9	9	9	4	10			3		147	14	1	9	
Acacia	Gloucester.	9	9	9	5	16			1		90	17			
William Sutton . . .	Saugus.	5	6	7	2				2		71	6		3	
Mosaic	Danvers.	3	1	2							55	8		1	
		61	60	65	20	88			25	11	1452	91	3	40	2

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Attest:

WILLIAM C. MAXWELL, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Saint John's	Newburyport.	7	9	8		14			7		83	10	2	8	
Merrimack	Haverhill.	3	5	9		4			5	1	200	10	1	3	
Saint Mark's	Newburyport.	2	2	2					5		66	2	1	4	
Saint Matthew's . .	Andover.	2	2	2	2					1	95	4			
Warren	Amesbury.	2	2	2					1	1	145	5	2	1	
Grecian	Lawrence.	3	4	4	3	16			8		244	7	2	5	
John Hancock . . .	Methuen.	7	7	7	3	3			1	2	127	7			
Tuscan	Lawrence.	5	3	3	1					1	234	6		4	
Saggahew	Haverhill.	3	6	6	1	3			2	1	128	6			
Charles C. Dame . .	Georgetown.	1	1	1	1	6			4	1	105	2		1	
Bethany	Merrimac.	7	8	10	2				2	1	107	13			1
Phœnician	Lawrence.	6	6	6	3				1	1	70	6		7	1
Cochichewick . . .	North Andover.	11	10	10	2				1		65	13		14	
		59	65	70	18	46			37	10	1669	91	8	47	2

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Attest:

THOMAS LEYLAND, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Saint Paul	Ayer.	4	3	2		7			3	2	68	4		2	1
Aurora	Fitchburg.	4	4	4	4				1	1	194	7	2	4	
Pentucket	Lowell.	8	10	10	1				2	5	305	18		2	1
Ancient York . . .	Lowell.	13	13	12	2				2	6	223	16	1	9	1
Trinity	Clinton.	3	4	3	6				1		155	7		3	1
Caleb Butler	Ayer.	3	3	1		7				2	93	5			1
Charles W. Moore . .	Fitchburg.	4	5	4	2		2		11	1	106	4			1
Kilwinning	Lowell.	3	3	3					1	1	69	3			
William North . . .	Lowell.	10	6	6	2			1	1	1	184	7		6	1
		52	51	45	17	14	2	1	22	19	1397	71	3	26	7

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Attest:

SOLON W. STEVENS, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Republican	Greenfield.	5	5	6	2	1			6	1	185	9		6	
Harmony	Northfield.	1	1	1					3		70				
Mountain	Shelburne Falls.	5	3	2	3	12			1	1	69	14	10	1	1
Bethel	Enfield.	1	1	1					1		51	3		2	1
Orange	Orange.	3	3	3	1	4			5	3	165	3		2	1
Hope	Gardner.	4	4	7	3	6				2	109	8		7	3
Star	Athol.	3	2	1	1	1			6		83	5	2	1	
Artisan	Winchendon.	6	5	4	1					3	64	7	1	5	1
Bay State	Montague.	5	5	5	2						78	5			
Athol	Athol Centre.	3	1	1		4			2		74	1		1	
		36	30	31	13	28			24	10	948	55	13	25	7

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Attest:

HENRY M. HUMPHREY, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Evening Star . . .	Lee.	3	2	2	5				2	1	81	6		3	1
Cincinnatus	Great Barrington.	5	3	3	2					2	116	6	1	5	
Wisdom	West Stockbridge.	1	1	2		7			1	1	34	2		2	1
Mystic	Pittsfield.					5			10	1	116	1	1		
Lafayette	North Adams.	8	8	7		24			1	1	123	7		8	
Berkshire	South Adams.	3	3	2	1	7			6		60	2			1
Globe	Hinsdale.	5	5	5						1	53	5		5	
Upton	Cheshire.	1	1		1				1		42	1		1	
Occidental	Stockbridge.										30				
Williams	Williamstown.	3	3	3		6					42	3		3	1
Greylock	North Adams.	6	6	6	4	4			4		82	6		6	1
Crescent	Pittsfield.	4	4	3							32	2		4	
		39	36	33	13	53			25	7	811	41	2	37	6

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Attest:

HEZEKIAH S. RUSSELL, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Jerusalem	Northampton.	5	5	6	2	23			2	2	109	7	1	6	1
Hampden	Springfield.	10	10	8		53			2	4	302	11	18	5	1
Chicopee	Chicopee.	7	6	7	1	9		1	2	1	108	7	1	7	1
Mount Tom	Holyoke.	9	10	9	8	5			1	5	197	10	6	9	
Mount Moriah . . .	Westfield.	9	9	9	5	7			3	2	227	11	10	9	1
Roswell Lee	Springfield.	20	20	24	3	22			4	2	328	34	10	24	1
Huntington	Huntington.	5	5	5	1	8			1		93	5		5	
Ionic	Easthampton.	2	1	3	5				2	2	65	3		3	1
Mount Holyoke . . .	So. Hadley Falls.	6	7	6	5	4			2	1	98	6	1	6	
Morning Sun	Conway.	1		1		2			1	3	59	1		9	1
Belcher	Chicopee Falls.	7	8	9	1				2	1	62	11		9	
Hampshire	Haydenville.	3	3	3	1	3			2	1	59	1		1	
		84	84	90	32	142		1	22	24	1960	108	49	90	7

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Attest:

JOHN A. HALL, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Morning Star	Worcester.	9	7	4	6				3	6	321	11	2	4	1
Mount Zion	Barre.	3	3	3	1	6			2	1	86	5		5	1
Montacute	Worcester.	9	11	11	7	9			8	5	306	17	1	11	1
Webster	Webster.	3	3	3	1	12			1		64	3	2		1
Wilder	Leominster.	4	4	4	1	3			5		106	3	1	2	1
Oxford	Oxford.	3	2	2	1	2			1	1	65	4		2	
United Brethren . . .	Marlborough.	4	3	3					3	1	109	6		3	1
Doric	Hudson.	2	2	2	2	4			4		142	4		2	1
Athelstan	Worcester.	16	11	11	4	7			6	2	224	14		12	1
Saint Bernard . . .	Southborough.	21	2	2	3	1			2		43	1		2	1
Quinsigamond . . .	Worcester,	10	10	5	2				3		48	13		9	1
Spencer	Spencer.	8	8	8	2						59	12		8	1
Boylston	West Boylston.	7	5	4	2				1	1	86	1		4	1
		80	71	62	32	44			39	16	1609	94	6	64	12

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Attest:

CHARLES W. MOODY, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Middlesex	Framingham . .	6	6	5	1	5			2	1	68	5		5	
Montgomery	Milford.	13	21	11	6	7			1		212	14		12	1
Olive Branch	Millbury.	4	7	7	2	2			1	1	108	9		7	1
Solomon's Temple . .	Uxbridge.	6	5	3		16			16	4	124	6		4	
Franklin	Grafton.	4	4	2	3	3			2	2	83	4	2	2	1
Blackstone River . .	Blackstone.	1	1	1			3		4	3	100	2		2	
John Warren . . .	Hopkinton.		1	5	3	3			2	1	82	7	2	5	
North Star	Ashland.	4	4	4	1	1			1		84	4		5	
Mount Hollis	Holliston.	1	1	1	1	1			2		82	1	1	1	1
Excelsior	Franklin.	6	6	5			3		3	1	63	6			1
Siloam	Westborough.	3	3	2	2		3		2	1	86	3		2	1
Charles River . . .	West Medway.	2	2	4	1	2			2		51	4		4	
Alpha	So. Framingham.	6	7	7	4				1		54	10		7	
Mumford River . . .	East Douglas.	2	2	2	1						29	3		7	
		58	61	59	26	40	9		39	14	1226	78	5	63	6

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Attest:

WILLIAM H. PHIPPS, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

Name of Lodge.	Place where Holden.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Bristol	No. Attleborough.	5	5	7					2		147	7		2	1
Rising Star	Stoughton.	1	2	1	2	9			1	3	78	1		1	1
Saint Alban's	Foxborough.	2	3	3	1	1			5	4	114	3	4	3	
Orient	Norwood.	3	3	4	2	1			4	1	112	9		4	1
Blue Hill	Canton.	3	3	3	1				3		73	3		4	
Saint James	Mansfield.								1		94				1
Hyde Park	Hyde Park.	6	5	10		4			4	1	112	13		10	
Ezekiel Bates	Attleborough.	3	1	3	6				2	2	90	4		1	1
Constellation	Dedham.	2	1	1			7		3	1	83	1		1	
Norfolk	Needham.	1	1	1	1					1	47	1		1	1
		20	24	33	13	15	7		25	13	955	42	4	27	6

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Attest:

FREDERICK D. ELY, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Union	Nantucket.	2	3	3	2	5				2	104	4		6	
Marine	Falmouth.	5	5	4					1	1	49	4	2	6	
Star in the East . . .	New Bedford.	8	8	10	16				1	4	351	11		12	
Mount Hope	Fall River.	11	11	10	27				4	4	250	11		12	
Eureka	New Bedford.	9	9	7	11	5				1	199	8	1	12	
Martha's Vineyard . .	Vineyard Haven.	1	1	1	2				3		40	1	7	4	
Pythagorean	Marion.		1	1					1	1	78	2			
Pioneer	Somerset.	5	5	4	1	3			2	1	83	5		6	1
May Flower	Middleborough.	1	1	2	2	1			6		116	3	2		1
King Philip	Fall River.	14	12	9	6	5			4	2	185	10		12	1
Oriental	Edgartown.	4	4	4					2	2	52	4		4	
Concordia	Fairhaven.	3	4	3	2						53	4			
Narragansett	Fall River.	7	7	8	6					1	58	10		12	1
		70	71	66	75	19			24	19	1618	77	12	86	4

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Attest:

ABRAHAM G. HART, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
King Hiram	Provincetown.	4	4	3	1					2	199	6		3	
Fraternal	Hyannis.	1	1	1					2	2	158	2		1	
Social Harmony . .	Wareham.	3	3	3	4				1	1	80	3			
Mount Horeb . . .	West Harwich.	2	2	2	2	14			2	1	129	6			
De Witt Clinton . .	Sandwich.	1	1	1					3	1	54	2			
Pilgrim	South Harwich.	2	2	2		7			4		115	5			
James Otis	Barnstable.	2	2	2					1	1	58	1			
Adams	Wellfleet.	3	8	8	2				1	2	115	6		8	
Howard	South Yarmouth.								1	1	43				
Mariners	Cotuit.	2	2	2	1	1			1	1	51	3		2	1
Saint Martin's . . .	Chatham.	1	1	1					5	1	40	1			
		21	26	25	10	22			21	13	1042	35		14	1

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Attest:

RUSSELL MATTHEWS, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Old Colony	Hingham.	3	3	3	1		1			1	106	4		3	1
Corner-Stone . . .	Duxbury.	2	1	1					2		67			1	
Orphans' Hope . . .	East Weymouth.	4	3	1	1				1		167				1
Plymouth	Plymouth.	3	4	3					1	3	131	1		2	
John Cutler	Abington.				3		4		4	2	119	1		2	
Konohassett	Cohasset.	1	2	2	1						71	2		2	1
Delta	Weymouth.	3	2	2					2	1	107	6		2	1
Puritan.	South Abington.	3	5	4	3		1		1		103	7		4	
Phœnix	Hanover.			1	1				2		51	1		2	
Satuit	Scituate.	3	3	3	1			1			40	4		3	
		22	23	20	11		6	1	13	7	962	26		21	4

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Attest:

LEAVITT BATES, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Hiram	Arlington.	5	5	5	2		1		1		140	5		4	
Mount Hermon . . .	Medford.	2	1	1			2			3	155	5		1	
Mount Horeb . . .	Woburn.	6	6	4			1		4	1	137	11		11	1
Wyoming	Melrose.	4	4	4	1	2			8		163	10		4	
Mount Vernon . . .	Malden.	6	5	5			4		4	2	148	8		5	
William Parkman . .	Winchester.	4	7	7				1	1	2	84	4		3	1
Charity	No. Cambridge.	1	1	1	4		1		3		61	4	1	1	
Good Samaritan . .	Reading.	2	2	4	1		8		6		57	2		4	
Simon W. Robinson .	Lexington.	3	3	3					3	1	51	4		32	1
King Cyrus	Stoneham.	2	2	2	1				4		56	3			1
		35	36	36	9	2	17	1	34	9	1052	56	1	36	4

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Attest:

JOHN VIALL, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

EIGHTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Thomas	Palmer.	6	7	6	3				1	1	123	6			
Pacific	Amherst.	5	7	6	3				3	3	97	10	2	5	
Quaboag	Warren.	4	4	2					1		107	2		2	
Quinebaug	Southbridge.	4	4	4	4				1		132	7		2	
Day Spring	Monson.	1	1	1					2		65	1	2		
Hayden	Brookfield.	9	12	12	4	2			1		115	13		12	
Eden	Ware.	4	5	4					2	2	96	4			
Vernon	Belchertown.	1	1	1		1					45	1			
Newton	Wilbraham.	7	8	8	3				6	1	80	8		9	
Anchor	Wales.	4	4	4					1		25	4		4	
		45	53	48	17	3			18	7	885	56	4	34	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

GEORGE ROBINSON, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

NINETEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Fellowship	Bridgewater.	3	3	3	3	14			1	2	174	4		3	
King David	Taunton.	8	8	6	5				4	1	262	7	1	6	
Rural	Quincy.	5	5	5	3	7			6		146	8		3	
Norfolk Union . . .	Randolph.		1	2						3	72	3		2	
Paul Revere	Brockton.	10	10	9	6				20	1	229	12		6	
Alfred Baylies . . .	Taunton.	6	6	5	1	8			1	1	117	5		4	
Ionic	Taunton.	5	5	4					2	1	109	4	1	4	1
Paul Dean	North Easton.	5	5	4	1				4		90	5			
Charles H. Titus . .	Taunton.	8	7	5	1				1	1	58	5		5	
Saint George	Brockton.	1	2	3	5						43	14		17	
		51	52	46	25	29			39	10	1300	67	2	50	1

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

FRANK MORTON, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

CHILI MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Bethesda	Valparaiso.	4	8	4	1	2			5	2	107	4		4	
Aconcagua	Valparaiso.	2	3	2					5		37	5		2	
		6	11	6	1	2			10	2	144	9		6	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest: DAVID TRUMBULL, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

Returns from Heulen Lodge, Santiago, have not been received.

CHINA MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Ancient Landmark . .	Shanghia.	2	2	2	2				7		40	3		3	
		2	2	2	2				7		40	3		3	

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest:

M. W. COOK, *W. Master.*

RECAPITULATION,

FROM THE RETURNS OF LODGES COMPOSING THE SEVERAL MASONIC DISTRICTS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, A.L. 5877.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
District No. 1	75	73	79	15		41		41	42	2,234	85	1	81	4
" " 2	56	48	54	11		57		34	17	1,531	62	3	56	
" " 3	50	53	52	11	45		1	41	29	1,799	68	6	52	10
" " 4	62	65	70	16		24		42	14	1,292	75	2	69	4
" " 5	61	60	65	20	88			25	9	1,452	84	3	40	2
" " 6	59	65	70	18	46			37	10	1,669	91	8	47	2
" " 7	52	51	44	17	14	2	1	22	18	1,397	66	3	26	7
" " 8	36	30	31	13	28			24	10	948	55	13	25	7
" " 9	39	36	33	13	53			25	7	811	41	2	37	6
" " 10	84	84	90	32	142		1	22	24	1,960	108	49	90	7
" " 11	80	71	62	32	44			39	16	1,609	94	6	64	
" " 12	58	61	59	26	40	9		39	14	1,226	78	5	63	6
" " 13	26	24	33	13	15			25	13	955	42	4	27	6
" " 14	70	71	66	75	19			24	19	1,618	77	12	86	4
" " 15	21	26	25	10	22			21	13	1,042	35	4	14	1
" " 16	22	23	20	11		6	1	13	7	962	26		19	
" " 17	35	36	36	9	2	17	1	34	9	1,052	56	1	36	4
" " 18	45	53	48	17	3			18	10	885	56	4	34	
" " 19	51	52	46	25	29			39	10	1,300	67	2	50	1
Chili District	6	11	6	1	2			10	2	144	9		5	
China District	2	2	2	2				7		40	3		3	
Lodges under Dispensation	23	19	19	5										
Total	1,013	1,014	1,010	392	592	156	5	582	293	25,926	1,278	128	924	71

TABLES OF MASONIC DISTRICTS, FOR 1879.

GIVING THE NAME OF EACH LODGE, DATE OF CHARTER, LOCATION, AND THE MONTH OF ANNUAL ELECTION FOR 1878.

District No. I.—Boston.

R.W. ALBERT L. RICHARDSON, BOSTON, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Saint John's	1733	Boston	November
Saint Andrew's	1756	Boston	November
Massachusetts	1770	Boston	December
Columbian	1796	Boston	December
Mount Lebanon	1801	Boston	December
Germania	1855	Boston	November
Winslow Lewis	1856	Boston	November
Revere	1857	Boston	December
Joseph Warren	1857	Boston	December
Aberdour	1861	Boston	November
Eleusis	1865	Boston	December
Zetland	1868	Boston	December
Joseph Webb	1877	Boston	December.

District No. II.—Charlestown.

R.W. JONATHAN BIGELOW, CAMBRIDGE, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
King Solomon's	1783	Charlestown	October
Amicable	1805	Cambridgeport	December
Star of Bethlehem	1845	Chelsea	November
Putnam	1855	East Cambridge	December
John Abbot	1858	Somerville	September
Henry Price	1859	Charlestown	October
Mount Olivet	1864	Cambridge	November
Robert Lash	1867	Chelsea	November
Faith	1869	Charlestown	December
Palestine	1869	Everett	December

District No. III. — Boston Highlands.

R.W. WILLIAM H. WEST, DORCHESTER, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Washington	1776	Boston Highlands	November
Union	1796	Dorchester	December
Mount Tabor	1846	East Boston	November
Saint Paul's	1847	South Boston	December
Baalbec	1853	East Boston	November
Gate of the Temple	1856	South Boston	November
Hammatt	1860	East Boston	December
Lafayette	1866	Boston Highlands	June
Adelphi	1866	South Boston	November
Eliot	1867	Jamaica Plain	May
Rabboni	1870	South Boston	December
Temple	1871	East Boston	December

District No. IV. — Cambridge.

R.W. GEORGE J. TOWNSEND, NATICK, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Corinthian	1797	Concord	October
Meridian	1797	Natick	October
Bethesda	1819	Brighton	December
Monitor	1820	Waltham	November
Pequossette	1857	Watertown	June
Dalhousie	1861	Newtonville	June
Belmont	1865	Belmont	March
Isaac Parker	1868	Waltham	December
Mizpah	1868	Cambridgeport	December
Beth-horon	1871	Brookline	December
Charles A. Welch	1873	Maynard	March
Fraternity	1876	Newtonville	October

District No. V. — Salem.

R.W. JOHN B. HILL, BEVERLY, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Tyrian	1770	Gloucester	November
Essex	1791	Salem	December
Mount Carmel	1805	Lynn	December
Jordan	1808	Peabody	November
Liberty	1824	Beverly	December
Ashler	1852	Rockport	December
Amity	1864	Danvers	November
Starr King	1865	Salem	November
John T. Heard	1865	Ipswich	December
Golden Fleece	1865	Lynn	December
Acacia	1866	Gloucester	June
William Sutton	1867	Saugus	December
Mosaic	1871	Danvers	December

District No. VI. — Newburyport.

R.W THOMAS LEYLAND, LAWRENCE, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Saint John's	1766	Newburyport	March
Merrimack	1802	Haverhill	November
Saint Mark's	1803	Newburyport	September
Warren	1822	Amesburyport	September
Saint Matthew's	1822	Andover	December
Grecian	1825	Lawrence	September
John Hancock	1861	Methuen	September
Tuscan	1863	Lawrence	September
Saggahew	1865	Haverhill	December
Charles C. Dame	1867	Georgetown	January
Bethany	1869	Merrimac	September
Phœnician	1871	Lawrence	September
Cochichewick	1875	North Andover	November

District No. VII. — Lowell.

R.W. ALBERT L. FESSENDEN, TOWNSEND, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Saint Paul	1797	Ayer	October
Aurora	1801	Fitchburg	September
Pentucket	1807	Lowell	October
Ancient York	1853	Lowell	October
Trinity	1859	Clinton	September
Caleb Butler	1860	Ayer	December
Charles W. Moore	1866	Fitchburg	September
Kilwinning	1867	Lowell	November
William North	1868	Lowell	October

District No. VIII. — Greenfield.

R.W. HENRY M. HUMPHREY, ATHOL, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Republican	1795	Greenfield	November
Harmony	1796	Northfield	November
Mountain	1806	Shelburne Falls	November
Bethel	1825	Enfield	November
Orange	1860	Orange	November
Hope	1865	Gardner	October
Star	1865	Athol	November
Artisan	1866	Winchendon	September
Bay State	1873	Montague	October
Athol	1873	Athol Centre	November

District No. IX. — Pittsfield.

R.W. WILLIAM H. MURRAY, PITTSFIELD, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Evening Star	1795	Lee	September
Cincinnatus	1796	Great Barrington	December
Wisdom	1803	West Stockbridge	December
Mystic	1810	Pittsfield	October
Lafayette	1849	North Adams	December
Berkshire	1858	South Adams	November
Globe	1870	Hindsdale	November
Upton	1870	Cheshire	November
Occidental	1871	Stockbridge	December
Williams	1872	Williamstown	December
Greylock	1872	North Adams	November
Crescent	1874	Pittsfield	September

District No. X. — Springfield.

R.W. WILLIAM C. ROBINSON, NORTHAMPTON, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Jerusalem	1797	Northampton	November
Hampden	1817	Springfield	November
Chicopee	1849	Chicopee	November
Mount Tom	1850	Holyoke	November
Mount Moriah	1856	Westfield	September
Roswell Lee	1865	Springfield	November
Huntington	1867	Huntington	December
Ionic	1868	Easthampton	November
Mount Holyoke	1870	South Hadley Falls	November
Morning Sun	1870	Conway	November
Belcher	1871	Chicopee Falls	October
Hampshire	1872	Haydenville	November

District No. XI. — Worcester.

R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY, WORCESTER, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Morning Star	1793	Worcester	November
Mount Zion	1800	Barre	September
Montacute	1859	Worcester	November
Webster	1859	Webster	December
Wilder	1860	Leominster	September
Oxford	1860	Oxford	September
United Brethren	1860	Marlborough	November
Doric	1864	Hudson	September
Athelstan	1866	Worcester	November
Saint Bernard	1868	Southborough	September
Quinsigamond	1871	Worcester	October
Spencer	1872	Spencer	October
Boylston	1877	West Boylston	October

District No. XII. — Milford.

R.W. WM. H. PHIPPS, SO. FRAMINGHAM, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Middlesex	1795	Framingham	November
Montgomery	1797	Milford	October
Olive Branch	1797	Millbury	October
Solomon's Temple	1818	Uxbridge	October
Franklin	1852	Grafton	November
Blackstone River	1856	Blackstone	November
John Warren	1861	Hopkinton	October
North Star	1865	Ashland	November
Mount Hollis	1865	Holliston	December
Excelsior	1867	Franklin	January
Siloam	1867	Westborough	November
Charles River	1871	West Medway	October
Alpha	1876	South Framingham	September
Mumford River	1878	East Douglas	February

District No. XIII. — Dedham.

R.W. FREDERICK D. ELY, DEDHAM, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Bristol	1797	No. Attleborough	December
Rising Star	1799	Stoughton	November
Saint Albans	1818	Foxborough	July
Orient	1862	Norwood	January
Blue Hill	1864	Canton	November
Saint James	1865	Mansfield	December
Hyde Park	1866	Hyde Park	December
Ezekiel Bates	1871	Attleborough	December
Constellation	1872	Dedham	March
Norfolk	1875	Needham	May

District No. XIV. — New Bedford.

R.W. ALBERT H. W. CARPENTER, NEW BEDFORD, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Union	1771	Nantucket	December
Marine	1798	Falmouth	December
Star in the East	1823	New Bedford	January
Mount Hope	1824	Fall River	November
Eureka	1858	New Bedford	January
Martha's Vineyard	1860	Vineyard Haven	December
Pythagorean	1863	Marion	December
Pioneer	1864	Somerset	November
May Flower	1865	Middleborough	December
King Philip	1866	Fall River	November
Oriental	1867	Edgartown	December
Concordia	1873	Fairhaven	December
Naragansett	1876	Fall River	December

District No. XV.—Barnstable.

R.W. RUSSELL MATTHEWS, BARNSTABLE, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
King Hiram	1796	Provincetown	November
Fraternal	1801	Hyannis	January
Social Harmony	1823	Wareham	December
Mount Horeb	1855	West Harwich	December
De Witt Clinton	1856	Sandwich	December
Pilgrim	1860	South Harwich	December
James Otis	1866	Barnstable	October
Adams	1866	Wellfleet	January
Howard	1870	South Yarmouth	January
Mariners	1871	Cotuit	January
Saint Martin's	1873	Chatham	December

District No. XVI.—Plymouth.

R.W. LEAVITT BATES, EAST WEYMOUTH, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Old Colony	1792	Hingham	December
Corner-Stone	1801	Duxbury	November
Orphan's Hope	1825	East Weymouth	May
Plymouth	1825	Plymouth	November
John Cutler	1860	Abington	September
Konohassett	1865	Cohasset	January
Delta	1869	Weymouth	October
Puritan	1870	South Abington	September
Phœnix	1874	Hanover	December
Satuit	1876	Scituate	May

District No. XVII. — Woburn.

R.W. AUGUSTUS E. SCOTT, LEXINGTON, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Hiram	1797	Arlington	November
Mount Hermon	1855	Medford	December
Mount Horeb	1856	Woburn	December
Wyoming	1857	Melrose	September
Mount Vernon	1858	Malden	November
William Parkman	1865	Winchester	December
Charity	1870	North Cambridge	December
Good Samaritan	1871	Reading	September
Simon W. Robinson	1871	Lexington	November
King Cyrus	1876	Stoneham	December

District No. XVIII. — Palmer.

R.W. GEORGE ROBINSON, PALMER, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Thomas	1796	Palmer	November
Pacific	1801	Amherst	November
Quaboag	1859	Warren	November
Quinebaug	1860	Southbridge	September
Day Spring	1863	Monson	December
Hayden	1864	Brookfield	November
Eden	1864	Ware	November
Vernon	1870	Belchertown	December
Newton	1871	Wilbraham	November
Anchor	1874	Wales	December

District No. XIX. — Taunton.

R.W. FRANK MORTON, RANDOLPH, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Fellowship	1797	Bridgewater	September
King David	1798	Taunton	November
Rural	1801	Quincy	November
Norfolk Union	1819	Randolph	November
Paul Revere	1857	Brockton	December
Alfred Baylies	1866	Taunton	October
Ionic	1867	Taunton	November
Paul Dean	1868	North Easton	November
Charles H. Titus	1873	Taunton	October
Saint George	1878	Brockton	December

Chili District.

R.W. REV. DAVID TRUMBULL, D.D., VALPARAISO, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Bethesda	1854	Valparaiso	August
Aconcagua	1871	Valparaiso	August
Huelen	1877	Santiago	August

China District.

No Deputy is appointed for this Lodge. The W. Master will report directly to the Grand Master, or through R.W. William F. Salmon, of Lowell, the Proxy of the Lodge.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Ancient Landmark	1854	Shanghai	October

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

LODGES, THEIR LOCATIONS AND SECRETARIES,

FOR THE YEAR 1879.

Lodge.	Location.	Secretary.
ABERDOUR	Boston	Charles I. Eaton.
ACACIA	East Gloucester	Thomas Renton.
ACONCAGUA	Valparaiso, Chili, S.A.	George B. Sebert.
ADAMS	Wellfleet	Edwin P. Cook.
ADELPHI	South Boston	William H. Morse.
ALFRED BAYLIES	Taunton	Lemuel T. Talbot.
ALPHA	South Framingham	Fred'k A. Pratt.
AMICABLE	Cambridgeport	Charles Tufts.
AMITY	Danvers	Joseph E. Hood.
ANCHOR	Wales	George O. Henry.
ANCIENT LANDMARK	Shanghai, China	George L. Skinner.
ANCIENT YORK	Lowell	Duane P. Stacy.
ARTISAN	Winchendon	George M. Whitney.
ASHLER	Rockport	William G. Davis, Jr.
ATHELSTAN	Worcester	George C. Holden.
ATHOL	Athol Centre	E. Ward Cooke.
AURORA	Fitchburg	Frederick A. Currier.
BAALBEC	East Boston	John Marno.
BAY STATE	Montague	Charles P. Wright.
BELCHER	Chicopee Falls	Chas. A. Bogardus.
BELMONT	Belmont	James A. Chamberlin.
BERKSHIRE	South Adams	Byron P. Myers.
BETHANY	Merrimac	Le Burton W. Colby.
BETHEL	Enfield	Robert D. Bussey.
BETHESDA	Brighton	Charles A. Nutter.
BETHESDA	Valparaiso, Chili, S.A.	Charles Milliel.

Lodge.	Location.	Secretary.
BETH-HORON	Brookline	Francis H. Bacon.
BLACKSTONE RIVER	Blackstone	William H. Hawkins.
BLUE HILL	Canton	Nathaniel W. Dunbar.
BOYLSTON	West Boylston	H. E. Morton.
BRISTOL	North Attleborough	Thomas G. Sandland.
CALEB BUTLER	Ayer	George E. Dudley.
CHARITY	North Cambridge	Thomas T. Ferguson.
CHARLES A. WELCH	Maynard	William H. Maynard.
CHARLES C. DAME	Georgetown	Robert A. Coker.
CHARLES H. TITUS	Taunton	Seth L. Cushman.
CHARLES RIVER	West Medway	Henry C. Austin.
CHARLES W. MOORE	Fitchburg	Joseph L. Stratton.
CHICOPEE	Chicopee	James C. Buckley.
CINCINNATUS	Great Barrington	Frank H. Wright.
COCHICHEWICK	North Andover	Charles F. Johnson.
COLUMBIAN	Boston	William Martin.
CONCORDIA	Fairhaven	Seth S. Keith.
CONSTELLATION	Dedham	Edwin A. Brooks.
CORINTHIAN	Concord	D. Goodwin Lang.
CORNER-STONE	Duxbury	George A. Green.
CRESCENT	Pittsfield	Theodore L. Allen.
DALHOUSIE	Newtonville	Edward E. Morgan.
DAY SPRING	Monson	John M. Phipps.
DELTA	Weymouth	Charles G. Thompson.
DE WITT CLINTON	Sandwich	John Q. Miller.
DORIC	Hudson	Edward A. Holyoke.
EDEN	Ware	Levi W. Robinson.
ELEUSIS	Boston	George F. Child.
ELIOT	Jamaica Plain	Charles M. Seaver.
ESSEX	Salem	John J. Coker.
EUREKA	New Bedford	George W. Parker.
EVENING STAR	Lee	Henry B. May.
EXCELSIOR	Franklin	William A. Wyckoff.
EZEKIEL BATES	Attleborough	Thomas S. Nye.
FAITH	Charlestown	Joseph W. Linnell.
FELLOWSHIP	Bridgewater	Warren K. Churchill.
FRANKLIN	Grafton	William S. Wood.
FRATERNAL	Hyannis	Oliver C. Hoxie.
FRATERNITY	Newtonville	Francis Elder.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE	South Boston	Elisha F. Thayer.
GERMANIA	Boston	Emil Heidenreich.

Lodge.	Location.	Secretary.
GLOBE	Hinsdale	Charles C. Wright.
GOLDEN FLEECE	Lynn	William B. Phillips.
GOOD SAMARITAN	Reading	William E. Beard.
GRECIAN	Lawrence	Charles H. Littlefield.
GREYLOCK	North Adams	Arthur J. Witherell.
HAMMATT	East Boston	Samuel L. Fowle.
HAMPDEN	Springfield	Henry M. Gates.
HAMPSHIRE	Haydenville	Wilmot L. Clark.
HARMONY	Northfield	George T. Alexander.
HAYDEN	Brookfield	Abner C. Smith.
HENRY PRICE	Charlestown	Charles H. Willard.
HIRAM	Arlington	Leander D. Bradley.
HOPE	Gardner	Albert H. Waite.
HOWARD	South Yarmouth	Zenas P. Howes.
HUELEN	Santiago, Chili	P. Ewing.
HUNTINGTON	Huntington	Thomas Davis.
HYDE PARK	Hyde Park	Henry S. Bunton.
IONIC	Taunton	George E. Manning.
IONIC	Easthampton	Lafayette Clapp, Jr.
ISAAC PARKER	Waltham	Charles I. Eaton.
JAMES OTIS	Barnstable	Ansel D. Lothrop.
JERUSALEM	Northampton	John A. Prentiss.
JOHN ABBOT	Somerville	George L. Baxter.
JOHN CUTLER	Abington	Erastus M. Nash.
JOHN HANCOCK	Methuen	John G. Low.
JOHN T. HEARD	Ipswich	William H. Tozer.
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MOUNT HOPE	Fall River	Andrew M. Speedie.
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GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

SINCE ITS INDEPENDENCE, MARCH 8, 1777.

Note.—The year given denotes the time of installation, which, with very few exceptions, was on or near St. John's Day, Dec. 27; so that the year of official service is the one following that given in the text.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

*Joseph Webb, 1777–81, 1784–86.
*John Warren, 1782, 83, 1787.
*Moses M. Hays, 1788–91.
*John Cutler, 1792, 93.
*Paul Revere, 1794–96.
*Josiah Bartlett, 1797, 98, 1809.
*Samuel Dunn, 1799–1801.
*Isaiah Thomas, 1802–1804, 1808.
*Timothy Bigelow, 1805–7, 1810–1812.
*Benjamin Russell, 1813–15.
*Francis J. Oliver, 1816–18.
*Samuel P. P. Fay, 1819.
*John Dixwell, 1820–22.
*John Abbot, 1823–25, 1833.
*John Soley, 1826–28.
*Joseph Jenkins, 1829–31.
*Elijah Crane, 1832.
*Joshua B. Flint, 1834–36.
*Rev. Paul Dean, 1837–39.
*Caleb Butler, 1840, 1841.
*Augustus Peabody, 1842–44.
*Simon W. Robinson, 1845–47.
*Edward A. Raymond, 1848–50.
*Rt. Rev. G. M. Randall, 1851–1853.
*Winslow Lewis, 1854, 55, 1859.
John T. Heard, 1856–58.
William D. Coolidge, 1860, 61.
William Parkman, 1862–64.
Charles C. Dame, 1865–67.
William S. Gardner, 1868–70.
Sereno D. Nickerson, 1871–73.
Percival L. Everett, 1874–76.
*Charles W. Moore, elected Honorary Past Grand Master December 10, 1873.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

*Moses Deshon, 1777, 78.
*Samuel Barrett, 1779–81.
*Paul Revere, 1782–84, 1790, 91.
*John Lowell, 1785–87, 1792.
*Perez Morton, 1788, 89.
*Josiah Bartlett, 1793.
*William Scollay, 1794, 95.
*Samuel Dunn, 1796–98.
*Joseph Laughton, 1798–1801.
*Simon Elliot, 1802–7.
*John Boyle, 1808, 9.
*Samuel Bradford, 1810.

*Rev. Thad. M. Harris, 1811.
*Francis J. Oliver, 1812–1815.
*John Dixwell, 1816, 17.
*Samuel P. P. Fay, 1818.
*Rev. Asa Eaton, 1819.
*John Abbot, 1820–22.
*Caleb Butler, 1823–25.
*John Bartlett, 1826–28.
*Elijah Morse, 1829.
*William Hilliard, 1830.
*David Wilder, 1831.
*Abraham A. Dame, 1832, 33.
*Rev. Paul Dean, 1834–36.
*George G. Smith, 1837–39.
*Simon W. Robinson, 1840–42.
*John B. Hammatt, 1843.
*Rev. E. M. P. Wells, 1844.
*Winslow Lewis, Jr., 1845–47.
*Rt. Rev. G. M. Randall, 1848–50.
Rev. Lucius R. Paige, 1851–53.
Abraham T. Lowe, 1854, 55.
*†Rev. William Flint, 1856–58.
Charles R. Train, 1859.
Jerome V. C. Smith, 1859.
G. Washington Warren, 1860.
Marshall P. Wilder, 1861.
Charles C. Dame, 1862–64.
Sereno D. Nickerson, 1865.
*Newell A. Thompson, 1866.
*Charles W. Moore, 1867.
Charles Levi Woodbury, 1868–1870.
Percival L. Everett, 1871–73.
Charles A. Welch, 1874–76.

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

*Samuel Barrett, 1777, 78.
*Paul Revere, 1779–82.
*Perez Morton, 1783, 84.
*John Juteau, 1785, 1789.
*Josiah Bartlett, 1786, 1788, 1791, 1792.
*Timothy Whiting, 1787.
*Thomas Edwards, 1790.
*Mungo Mackay, 1793.
*Isaiah Thomas, 1794–96.
*Joseph Laughton, 1797, 98.
*John Boyle, 1799–1801.
*Isaac Hurd, 1802.
*Timothy Bigelow, 1803, 1804.
*John Soley, 1805, 1806.
*Shubael Bell, 1807.
*Henry Fowle, 1808.
*Francis J. Oliver, 1809–11.
*Benjamin Russell, 1812.
*John Abbot, 1813.
*John B. Hammatt, 1814, 15.
*Augustus Peabody, 1816.
*Caleb Butler, 1817, 18.
*Andrew Sigourney, 1819.
*Thomas Cole, 1820, 21.
*Elijah Crane, 1822.
*Samuel Thaxter, 1823–25.
*John Keys, 1826, 1827.
*Seth Sprague, Jr., 1828.
*Abraham A. Dame, 1829–31.
*William J. Whipple, 1832.
*Elias Haskell, 1833–35.
*Benjamin B. Appleton, 1836.
*Simon W. Robinson, 1837–39.
*Thomas Tolman, 1840–42.
*Robert Lash, 1843.
*Robert Keith, 1844.
*Edward A. Raymond, 1845–47.
*John J. Loring, 1848.
*Thomas M. Vinson, 1849, 50.
*William Ferson, 1851.
Daniel Harwood, 1852.
*Richard S. Spofford, 1853.
William C. Plunkett, 1854.

John T. Heard, 1855.
Bradford L. Wales, 1856.
Henry Goddard, 1857.
Lorenzo H. Gamwell, 1858.
Joel Spaulding, 1859.
*William North, 1860.
Henry Chickering, 1861.
*†William C. Martin, 1862.
William W. Baker, 1863 (June).
William S. Gardner, 1863.
*Wendell T. Davis, 1864.
William Sutton, 1865.
Samuel P. Oliver, 1866.
William F. Salmon, 1867.
*Ithamar F. Conkey, 1868.
Samuel C. Lawrence, 1869.
David W. Crafts, 1870.
Charles Kimball, 1871.
Henry Endicott, 1872.
William T. Grammer, 1873.
*William J. Sawin, 1874.
Abraham H. Howland, Jr., 1875.
Daniel W. Lawrence, 1876.
William H. Chessman, 1877.

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

*Paul Revere, 1777, 78.
*Thomas Crafts, 1779.
*James Jackson, 1780.
*Edward Proctor, 1781.
*James Carter, 1782.
*John Juteau, 1783, 84.
*Moses M. Hays, 1785.
*Thomas Edwards, 1786, 87.
*Elisha Porter, 1788.
*Aaron Dexter, 1789–91.
*Mungo McKay, 1792.
*Samuel Parkman, 1793.
*Richard Salter, 1794.
*Joseph Laughton, 1795, 96.
*William Little, 1797.
*John Boyle, 1798.
*Rev. Thad. M. Harris, 1779.
*Isaac Hurd, 1800, 1801.
*Timothy Bigelow, 1802.
*John Soley, 1803, 1804.
*Shubael Bell, 1805, 1806.
*Henry Fowle, 1807.
*Francis J. Oliver, 1808.
*Oliver Prescott, 1809.
*Benjamin Russell, 1810, 11.
*John Abbot, 1812.
*John B. Hammatt, 1813.
*Joseph Baker, 1814, 15.
*Ralph H. French, 1816.
*James C. King, 1817.
*Joseph Jenkins, 1818.
*Thomas Cole, 1819.
*Elijah Crane, 1820, 21.
*Samuel Thaxter, 1822.
*John Keys, 1823–25.
*John Mills, 1826.
*Henry Purkitt, 1827.
*Abraham A. Dame, 1828.
*William J. Whipple, 1829–31.
*James A. Dickson, 1832.
*Benjamin B. Appleton, 1833 35
*Simon W. Robinson, 1836.
*C. Gayton Pickman, 1837 39.
*Winslow Lewis, Sen., 1840 42
*Thomas Power, 1843.
*John Hews, 1844.
*John R. Bradford, 1845–47
*Thomas N. Vinson, 1848.
*†Asa T. Newhall, 1849, 50.
*William Eaton, 1851 (March)
*John Flint, 1851.
*Rev. Benjamin Huntoon, 1852
Jonas A. Marshall, 1853.
*Samuel K. Hutchinson, 1854.
Charles R. Train, 1855
*John H. Shepard, 1856.

Isaac H. Wright, 1857.
*Charles Robbins, 1858.
William D. Coolidge, 1859.
*Jesse P. Pattee, 1860.
Peter C. Jones, 1861.
Daniel Reynolds, 1862.
Benjamin Dean, 1863.
1864. ¶
Wyzeman Marshall, 1865.
Henry Mulliken, 1866.
George H. Taber, 1867.
Ivory H. Pope, 1868.
Richard Briggs, 1869.
Elijah W. Burr, 1870.
Tracy P. Cheever, 1871.
Joseph K. Baker, 1872.
Charles G. Reed, 1873.
Lucius W. Lovell, 1874.
Daniel Upton, 1875.
*†Charles J. Danforth, 1876.
Edward Avery, 1877 (June).
Irving B. Sayles, 1877.

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SINCE THE INDEPENDENCE IN 1777 (not permanent members, *ex officio*).

*John Lowell, 1777–1783.
*William Scollay, 1784-1786.
*Aaron Dexter, 1787, 1788.
*William Little, 1789–1791.
*Samuel Parkman, 1792, 1793.
*William Little, 1794–1796.
*Thomas Dennie, 1797.
*Allen Crocker, 1798–1808.
*†Andrew Sigourney, 1809–1819.
*Elijah Morse, 1820–1825.
*John J. Loring, 1826–1847.
*Thomas Tolman, 1848–1860.
*†John McClellan, 1861-1878.
Samuel Wells, 1878.

RECORDING GRAND SECRETARIES.

SINCE THE INDEPENDENCE IN 1877 (not permanent members, *ex officio*).

*Nathaniel Pierce, 1777.
*William Hoskins, 1778–80.
*Benjamin Coolidge, 1781–84.
*John Welch, Jr., 1785.
*George Richards, 1786.
*Gabriel Helme, 1787.
*John Jackson, 1788, 89.
*Joseph Laughton, 1790, 91.
*Thomas Farrington, 1792.
*Samuel Colesworthy, 1793.
*Daniel Oliver, 1794–1801.
*John Proctor, 1802–1810.
*John Soley, 1811–18.
*Thomas Power, 1819–32.
*Charles W. Moore, 1833–66.
‡Solon Thornton, 1867–71.
*†§Charles H. Titus, 1871–78.
Tracy P. Cheever, 1878.

* Deceased.
† Deceased while in office.
‡ Resigned April 8, 1871.
§ Elected June 14, 1871.
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QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

MARCH 12, A.L. 5879.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, the twelfth day of March, A.L. 5879, A.D. 1879.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. CHARLES ALFRED WELCH . .	Grand Master.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY G. FAY	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. SAMUEL WELLS	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
R.W. ALBERT S. RICHARDSON . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 1.
R.W. JONATHAN BIGELOW . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 2.
R.W. GEORGE J. TOWNSEND, M.D. .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 4.
R.W. JOHN B. HILL	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 5.
R.W. THOMAS LEYLAND	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 6.
R.W. HENRY M. HUMPHREY . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 8.
R.W. WILLIAM H. MURRAY . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 9.
R.W. WILLIAM C. ROBINSON . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 10.
R.W. CHARLES W. MOODY . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 11.

R.W. William H. Phipps	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 12.
R.W. A. H. W. Carpenter . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 14.
R.W. Russell Matthews . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 15.
R.W. Leavitt Bates	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 16.
R.W. Augustus E. Scott	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 17.
W. F. Lyman Winship	Grand Marshal.
W. Thomas Waterman	Grand Lecturers.
W. J. Francis Lotts	
W. Marlborough Williams . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Thomas W. Davis	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. James Mills	Senior Grand Stewards.
W. Nathaniel Greene, M.D. . .	
W. Joseph Winsor	Grand Sword-Bearer.
W. Z. L. Bicknell	Grand Standard-Bearer.
Bro. Howard M. Dow	Grand Organist.
Bro. Frank E. Jones	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. William D. Coolidge . .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. Charles C. Dame	" " "
R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson . .	" " "
R.W. Percival L. Everett . . .	" " "
R.W. Bradford L. Wales . . .	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. William Sutton	" " "
R.W. Samuel P. Oliver	" " "
R.W. William F. Salmon . . .	" " "
R.W. Henry Endicott	" " "
R.W. William T. Grammar . .	" " "
R.W. William H. Chessman . .	" " "
R.W. Peter C. Jones	" " "
R.W. Wyzeman Marshall . . .	" " "
R.W. Ivory H. Pope	" " "
R.W. E. Waters Burr	" " "
R.W. Joseph R. Baker	" " "
R.W. Lucius W. Lovell	" " "
R.W. Irving B. Sayles	" " "

The following one hundred and thirty-one Lodges were represented, viz.: —

ABERDOUR.
ADELPHI.
ALFRED BAYLIES.
AMICABLE.
ANCIENT LANDMARK.
ANCIENT YORK.
ARTISAN.
ATHOL.
AURORA.
BAALBEC.
BELMONT.
BETHESDA (Brighton).
BETHESDA (Valparaiso).
BETH-HORON.
BLACKSTONE RIVER.
BLUE HILL.
BOYLSTON.
BRISTOL.
CALEB BUTLER.
CHARLES H. TITUS.
CHICOPEE.
COCHICHEWICK.
COLUMBIAN.
CONCORDIA.
CONSTELLATION.
CORINTHIAN.
CORNER-STONE.
CRESCENT.
DALHOUSIE.
DAY-SPRING.
DORIC.
EDEN.
ELEUSIS.
ELIOT.
EUREKA.
EZEKIEL BATES.
FAITH.
FELLOWSHIP.
FRATERNAL.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE.
GERMANIA.
GOLDEN FLEECE.
GOOD SAMARITAN.
GRECIAN.
HAMMATT.
HAMPDEN.
HAYDEN.
HOPE.
HYDE PARK.
IONIC (Taunton).
ISAAC PARKER.
JAMES OTIS.
JOHN ABBOT.
JOHN CUTLER.
JOHN T. HEARD.
JORDAN.
JOSEPH WARREN.
JOSEPH WEBB.
KILWINNING.
KING CYRUS.
KING HIRAM.
KING PHILIP.
KING SOLOMON.
KONOHASSETT.
LAFAYETTE (Boston Highlands).
LIBERTY.
MARINERS'.
MASSACHUSETTS.
MAYFLOWER.
MERIDIAN.
MERRIMACK.
MIDDLESEX.
MONITOR.
MORNING STAR.
MONTGOMERY.
MOSAIC.
MOUNT CARMEL.
MOUNT HERMON.
MOUNT HOREB (Woburn).
MOUNT HOREB (West Harwich).
MOUNT LEBANON.
MOUNT MORIAH.
MOUNT OLIVET.
MOUNT TABOR.
MOUNT VERNON.
NEWTON.
OLD COLONY.
ORANGE.
ORIENT.
ORPHAN'S HOPE.
PALESTINE.
PAUL DEAN.
PAUL REVERE.
PENTUCKET.
PHŒNIX.
PILGRIM.
PIONEER.
PLYMOUTH.
PURITAN.
PUTNAM.
QUINSIGAMOND.
RABBONI.
RISING STAR.
ROBERT LASH.
SAINT ANDREW'S.
SAINT BERNARD.
SAINT GEORGE.
SAINT JAMES.
SAINT JOHN'S (Boston).
SAINT JOHN'S (Newburyport).
SAINT PAUL.
SAINT PAUL'S.
SATUIT.
SIMON W. ROBINSON.

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.	UNION (Dorchester).	WILLIAM PARKMAN.
STAR.	UNION (Nantucket).	WILLIAM SUTTON.
STAR IN THE EAST.	WARREN.	WINSLOW LEWIS.
STAR OF BETHLEHEM.	WASHINGTON.	WYOMING.
STARR KING.	WEBSTER.	ZETLAND.
TEMPLE.	WILLIAM NORTH.	

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM, at two o'clock, P.M. Prayer was offered by the M.W. Grand Master, and a hymn was sung.

The records of the Annual and Stated Communications in December last were approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

Proxies were presented from

PLYMOUTH LODGE, Plymouth, in favor of BRO. HORACE M. SAUNDERS.

UNION LODGE, Nantucket, in favor of BRO. JOSEPH S. BARNEY.

GRECIAN LODGE, Lawrence, in favor of BRO. MERRILL N. HOWE.

KONOHASSETT LODGE, Cohasset, in favor of BRO. JAMES H. BOUVÉ.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, Concord, in favor of BRO. EDWARD C. DAMON.

CHICOPEE LODGE, Chicopee, in favor of BRO. WARREN S. BRAGG.

MARINERS' LODGE, Cotuit, in favor of BRO. THOMAS CHATFIELD.

WILLIAM SUTTON LODGE, Saugus, in favor of BRO. ALBERT H. SWEETSER.

EZEKIEL BATES LODGE, Attleborough, in favor of BRO. EDWIN J. HORTON.

MOUNT HOPE LODGE, Fall River, in favor of BRO. ABRAHAM T. HART.

PAUL DEAN LODGE, North Easton, in favor of BRO. JOHN H. SWAIN.

SAINT PAUL LODGE, Groton, in favor of BRO. E. DANA BANCROFT.

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE, Millbury, in favor of R.W. IRVING B. SAYLES.

KING HIRAM LODGE, Provincetown, in favor of BRO. HORACE A. FREEMAN.

PIONEER LODGE, Somerset, in favor of BRO. JOHN G. TINKHAM.

The Brethren thus appointed proxies were recognized as such.

By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws: —

FULL CODES.

MECHANICS' LODGE (U.D.), Turner's Falls.
SAINT MARK'S, Newburyport.

AMENDMENTS.

MOUNT TABOR, East Boston.
MOUNT HOREB, West Harwich.
WINSLOW LEWIS, Boston.
SAINT BERNARD, Southborough.
MOSAIC, Danvers.
BAALBEC, East Boston.
LIBERTY, Beverly.

A petition for a Charter was presented for Mechanics' Lodge, Turner's Falls, Montague, which with its Records, By-Laws, and Returns, was referred to the Committee on Charters.

PETITION OF R. N. OAKMAN, JR., *ET ALS.*, FOR CHARTER FOR MECHANICS' LODGE, TURNER'S FALLS, MONTAGUE.

FOR QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,
March 12, 1879.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: —

We, the undersigned, Master Masons, to whom your Most Worshipful Grand Master issued a Dispensation, dated January 18, A.D. 1878, and other Master Masons joined herein by the

consent of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, now beg leave to return the same with a record of all our proceedings, and a copy of our By-Laws, and respectfully pray, if these be approved, that a Charter be granted, and that we, with such others as may hereafter join us, may be constituted into a regular Chartered Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the name of Mechanics' Lodge, located in Turner's Falls, township of Montague, in the County of Franklin, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, with full power to perform all the ceremonies and discharge all the duties at said Turner's Falls, appertaining to Ancient Craft Masonry, in accordance with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

R. N. Oakman, Jr.,	Geo. O. Peabody,
D. F. Ripley,	S. E. Ripley,
L. E. Fales,	H. C. Putnam,
C. C. Crammer,	R. M. Starbuck,
Geo. Hance,	Nathaniel Holmes,
F. I. Webster,	E. M. Perry,
C. E. Craw,	Samuel Goodnow,
William Howard,	J. F. Bartlett,
John Jamison,	G. E. Chapman,
C. W. Hosmer,	Anson Cobb,
W. H. P. Gilmore,	M. L. Bartlett,
George F. Adams,	F. A. Perry,
Geo. Starbuck,	John J. Hawkes,

A. O. Wyman.

Petition approved.

H. M. Humphrey,
D.D.G.M., 8th District.

Turner's Falls, Mass., March 8, 1879.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Germania Lodge for a Ritual in the German language were granted further time, to give the Lodge an opportunity for a hearing upon the petition.

R.W. Bro. Samuel Wells, in behalf of R.W. Edward Avery, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Healing, who was unavoidably absent, presented the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HEALING ON PETITION OF S. B. CURTIS.

In Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,
Quarterly Communication,
March 12, 1879.

The Committee on Healing, to whom the petition for formal healing of S. B. Curtis was referred, respectfully submit the following report: —

It appeared in the hearing before your committee that some five or six years ago the petitioner applied to Paul Revere Lodge, of Brockton, for the degrees, and was twice rejected; that some two years ago he removed to Lowell, and in October, 1877, applied to Wm. North Lodge of that city, stating in his application that he had never before applied for the degrees; that he referred the Committee of Wm. North Lodge to several prominent Masons, members of Paul Revere Lodge; that he was accepted, and received the degrees in Wm. North Lodge.

The petitioner testified that at the time he applied to Wm. North Lodge he supposed and believed the inquiry in the application as to his having before applied for the degrees meant in Wm. North Lodge, and that he acted in entire good faith.

Before the hearing your committee had sent notice to Paul Revere Lodge, and received from the Secretary of that Lodge a certificate under the seal of the Lodge, stating that Paul Revere Lodge refused by an unanimous vote to recommend the granting of the prayer of S. B. Curtis' petition.

Under these circumstances your committee recommend that the prayer of the petition be refused, and the petition dismissed.

EDW. AVERY,
FREDERICK D. ELY,
SAMUEL WELLS.

The Committee on Healing were granted further time on the petition of R.W. McDonald.

A complaint from Howard Lodge, South Yarmouth, was presented, having reference to the conduct of one of its members, which was referred to the Grand Master for such action as he may deem expedient.

R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, in behalf of the Committee on a change of the Seal of the Grand Lodge, made a partial report in regard to the importance of the subject, and as the members of the committee were not fully agreed upon his motion, the committee were granted further time.

R.W. William F. Salmon, Chairman of the Committee on the complaint of Republican Lodge *vs.* Harmony Lodge, submitted the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendation therein contained adopted: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMPLAINT OF REPUBLICAN LODGE *vs.* HARMONY LODGE.

In Grand Lodge,
Boston, March 12, 1879.

To the M. W. Grand Master and Members: —

The committee to whom was referred the complaint of Republican Lodge of Greenfield against Harmony Lodge of Northfield, having attended to their duty, respectfully report: —

That the complaint submitted is fully set forth on pages eighty-three and eighty-four of the printed proceedings for 1878 (Sept.). There are three specifications; on the first we report *not guilty*, as Harmony Lodge had a right to receive the petition (in proper time), the same having been accompanied with a recommendation from Republican Lodge, as required by the Grand Constitutions; on the second and third specifications we report *guilty*, as the requisite six months from date of rejection in Republican Lodge had not elapsed, as required by the Grand Constitutions, Part 4, Art. 3, Sect. 2; but we attribute the guilt to negligence, or lack of knowledge of the Grand Constitutions, rather than to any fraudulent intent on the part of Harmony Lodge.

We consider the Brethren of Republican Lodge who signed the recommendation just as much in the wrong, to say the least, as Harmony Lodge or any of its members.

Our report might perhaps properly end here, but justice to

the cause of Masonry, the many Brethren at Greenfield and Northfield who have so kindly assisted us to a full understanding of this case, and to ourselves, seems to demand a more extended statement, as it may be of service hereafter.

The facts of the case, as we understand them, may be briefly stated, substantially, as follows: Charles E. Lyons, a resident of Greenfield, has been four times rejected by Republican Lodge of that town, the first being in 1873; after the second rejection, there was some talk of recommending him to Harmony Lodge of Northfield, where he was well known to many of the members, but it was abandoned; after the fourth rejection, May 16, 1878, a petition and recommendation, bearing date June 7, 1878, were sent to Harmony Lodge, Lyons was duly elected, and, on the 20th day of July, 1878, he received the three degrees in Freemasonry (the second and third by Dispensation from the D.D.G.M.), many members of Republican Lodge being present and assisting in the work. On the 8th of August, 1878, the complaint was presented at a meeting of Republican Lodge, thirty members being present out of one hundred and eighty-five on the roll, about fifteen voting for sustaining the charges and about five against, according to the best information we can obtain, as the records do not disclose the number voting for or against. At the September meeting of this Grand Lodge the complaint was duly received and referred.

The committee at once commenced correspondence with the Masters of the two Lodges, and have continued it with them and others nearly to the present time.

There has been quite a strong pressure for the committee to visit Greenfield and have a full hearing of the case, open to all; but we early discovered enough to satisfy us that such action would not be of any benefit to the Craft, and we are fully satis-

fied *now* that we have a much better knowledge of all the facts, through the free and confidential correspondence and interviews with the Brethren, than we could possibly have obtained at a formal hearing, where the evidence would, of necessity, have been confined to a very narrow range.

Our conclusions, from information and correspondence in our possession, are: —

1st. That the Brethren of Republican Lodge violated the Grand Constitutions in recommending Chas. E. Lyons to receive the degrees in Harmony Lodge.

2d. That the officers and members of Harmony Lodge violated the Grand Constitutions in receiving and acting upon the petition of Chas. E. Lyons.

3d. That all of the foregoing Brethren were ignorant of the words in Grand Constitutions, Part 4, Art. 3, Sect. 2, viz., "*No candidate whose application may be rejected by a Lodge shall be proposed in any other Lodge under this jurisdiction within six months after such rejection.*"

4th. That being thus ignorant, they cannot be held subject to the penalty in another clause of same section which commences, "*And if any Mason knowingly assist or recommend for initiation,*" etc.

5th. That the same ignorance lead to a withholding of some facts from the D.D.G.M. of the District at the time of application for Dispensation; but on the facts submitted, the D.D.G.M., in granting the Dispensation, acted in good faith, and, as he believed, for the good of Masonry.

6th. That Chas. E. Lyons is an irregularly made (possibly a clandestine) Mason under our Grand Constitutions.

7th. That Republican Lodge, through its Secretary, shows negligence in keeping its records, when on so important a matter as preferring charges against a sister Lodge, the actual vote for and against is not recorded.

8th. That this action is not so much Republican against Harmony as it is one portion of the members of Republican Lodge against another; and that while there appears to be a good fraternal feeling between the members of Harmony Lodge themselves and between them and the members of Republican Lodge, we find that there has been much bitterness engendered among the members of Republican Lodge through this Lyons case, which the Grand Lodge cannot directly reach and heal under the present complaint, but which ought to have the careful attention of the devoted and zealous Brethren of Republican Lodge. May they soon *all* be able to say, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

9th. We have dealt with all correspondence as coming from *Masons*, and, consequently, honest men; and if in our statements, facts, or conclusions we show error, the documents upon which they are based can be produced before a proper tribunal if needed, though not submitted as a part of this report.

Finally, permit us to say, that violations of the Constitution of this M.W. Grand Lodge ought not to pass unnoticed, and that the plea of ignorance cannot fully exculpate members of Lodges under its jurisdiction; we therefore recommend that the officers of Harmony Lodge, and the members of Republican Lodge, who signed the recommendation of Chas. E. Lyons to Harmony Lodge, be censured or admonished in such manner as the M.W. Grand Master may deem best.

We append a certified copy of the petition of Chas. E. Lyons to Harmony Lodge; also a copy of the recommendation from members of Republican Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

W. F. SALMON,
A. L. RICHARDSON,
Committee.

The Committee on the action of the Grand Orient of France having, at a previous Communication, presented a partial report, were granted further time.

Bro. Theodore C. Bates, in behalf of the committee appointed at the Stated Communication in December last, upon the financial condition and necessities of the Grand Lodge, presented the following report: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

In Grand Lodge of Mass.
Quarterly Communication, March 12, 1879.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts: —

Brethren, — The Committee appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, to take into consideration the financial condition of this Grand Lodge, in accordance with your vote at the last Annual Meeting in December, 1878, have attended to their duty and herewith submit their Report and Recommendations.

It appears from a statement submitted to us by the Grand Treasurer, in response to our inquiries, that there has been received from rents, etc., from 1868 to 1878, inclusive, as follows: —

From Lodges and other Masonic Bodies and rental of stores	$259,743 61
Capitation Taxes	269,119 25
Grand Lodge fees for initiates	99,500 00
Total Receipts	$628,362 86

It also appears by the Grand Treasurer's statement to us made that there has been paid on the Temple Debt since 1868 the following sums: —

Interest on debt, total paid to Dec., 1878		$265,068 84
Taxes		66,283 23
Insurances		20,583 30
Salaries		50,930 56
Expenses of Temple other than salaries		44,700 53
		$447,566 46
Total Receipts	$628,362 86	
Total Expenditures	447,566 46	
	$180,796 40	

Showing an increase of receipts over expenditures of $180,796.40, which has been used to reduce the Temple indebtedness, leaving the present indebtedness on the Temple about $270,000, with accumulated interest.

The Temple was completed in 1867 at a cost, as ascertained from report of committee, June, 1870, of $450,551.71.

From the foregoing statement it appears that the total receipts from the capitation tax have been $269,119.25, and this has but little more than met the interest on the debt, of which there has been paid in all $265,068.84.

From the Treasurer's statement we find that in 1870 the capitation tax paid was $24,657.25, and the interest-money that same year (1870) was $24,368.39; but since 1870 there has been no year that the amount of interest paid has not exceeded the amount received from the capitation tax, until 1877, when the capitation tax paid was $21,174.50 and interest on debt paid amounted to $20,716.62.

The emergency now confronting us is simply this, — Will the Masonic Fraternity of the State of Massachusetts let this Temple

be sold to satisfy our debts, or will you consent to provide some means to pay the obligation?

Your committee have carefully considered this subject in all its bearings, and while we fully realize how unpleasant a duty it may be for some of the Lodges to renew or continue in force for a term of years the capitation tax of one dollar per year for each and every member of all the Lodges, we cannot see how it can possibly be met in any other way.

Accordingly, it was voted unanimously by your committee to recommend that the old capitation tax be continued in force for fifteen (15) years, unless the debt is sooner liquidated, with the privilege to any Lodge to pay in ten dollars for each of its members; or any member of it to pay ten dollars on or before October 1, 1880, and then be relieved from this entire capitation tax.

This latter method your committee hope will be as generally as possible adopted for the following reasons: —

1st. It tends to reduce speedily the grand volume of our indebtedness, and thereby render unquestionable the payment of the balance.

2d. It thus increases the margin of the security, and, consequently, enables the placing of the loan at a much less rate of interest than we have been compelled to pay.

It does not seem possible that any member of the Fraternity can for one moment hesitate as to his course in this matter, and we certainly hope there will not only be no dissent, but, on the contrary, a degree of zeal and enthusiasm incited in favor of a speedy payment of the whole debt that shall result in all the Lodges raising the commutation sum of ten dollars per member; and if this is quite generally done, with the aid which it is hoped may be secured by subscriptions from

some of the extremely zealous Brethren, we have no doubt of the most favorable adjustment of the whole matter to the complete satisfaction of the whole Fraternity.

Having stated what your committee think should be done by the Fraternity, as a whole, we most respectfully submit in addition thereto a most careful supervision of the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge.

While the present depressed condition of business of all kinds demands the utmost economy in its management, — and the same is true of all our public institutions, — similar rules of retrenchment and reductions of expenses in our own Institution should be most rigidly enforced; and it affords us great pleasure and satisfaction to herein bear testimony to the extreme interest and watchfulness of the Board of Directors of the M.W. Grand Lodge in these respects. Under their administration the expenses for 1878 have been considerably less than at any time before since 1870, and we have assurance of additional reductions in expenses for the current year.

It is not to be expected that the leases of the stores connected with the Temple, made ten years ago, can be renewed as favorably as they were then made, and our receipts will consequently be less. The impression existing in the minds of some of the Brethren, that the Boston Lodges and Masonic Bodies should pay more rent, is an erroneous one. We certainly hope that their love for the Order, and well-known pride and ambition to retain the Temple, will secure to us, from them all, the same rentals and receipts as heretofore; but any Brother outside of Boston, who will examine the matter in detail, will, we think, be convinced, as many of your committee have been, that they have been laboring under a serious misapprehension of the facts of the matter, and your committee rely upon all the Masonic

Bodies in Boston to as cheerfully aid in the payment of the Temple debt for the next few years as they have during the last ten years; not only by as cordially consenting to pay their capitation or commutation tax as they have always heretofore done, but also by continuing their present rate of rentals until such time as the financial condition of the Grand Lodge will permit of a proper reduction.

In conclusion, we submit this report and these recommendations with the hope that the entire Masonic Fraternity of Massachusetts will heartily respond to the duty imposed upon them, to save our beautiful Temple, and with a steadfast confidence in the well-known fidelity and liberality of our Brethren, in times of trouble or disaster, whether financial or otherwise.

THEODORE C. BATES, Quinsigamond Lodge, Worcester.
DANIEL REED, Montgomery Lodge, Milford.
CHAS. E. PARSONS, Mt. Carmel Lodge, Lynn.
G. ARTHUR GRAY, Corinthian Lodge, Concord.
Z. L. BICKNELL, Orphan's Hope Lodge, Weymouth.
R. T. BARTLETT, St. Paul Lodge, Ayer.
CHARLIE A. JONES, Mount Horeb Lodge, Woburn.
COLUMBUS COREY, Palestine Lodge, Everett.
A. L. SHATTUCK, Orange Lodge, Orange.
Geo. H. RHODES, Chas. H. Titus Lodge, Taunton.
E. P. KENDRICK, Hampden Lodge, Springfield.
EDWARD R. PRICE, Bristol Lodge, N. Attleboro.
JOHN CARR, Washington Lodge, Roxbury.
GEO. W. WIGGIN, Excelsior Lodge, Franklin.
ERASTUS CHASE, Mt. Horeb Lodge, West Harwich.
W. R. BATCHELDER, Pentucket Lodge, Lowell.
FREEMAN H. LOTHROP, James Otis Lodge, Barnstable.
HENRY A. WHITNEY, St. Andrew's Lodge, Boston.

JAS. B. SHAW, Thomas Lodge, Palmer.

EZEKIEL C. GARDNER, Star in the East Lodge, New Bedford, Mass.

DALLAS J. DEAN, Berkshire Lodge, South Adams.

DANA J. FLANDERS, Merrimac Lodge, Haverhill.

CHARLES J. BURGET, Cincinnatus Lodge, Great Barrington.

The Grand Master stated that, inasmuch as the recommendations of the committee in regard to laying a tax upon all the affiliated Brethren of this jurisdiction, for the purpose of paying the debt of the Grand Lodge, involved an amendment to the Grand Constitutions, it was necessary that the report should lie over until the Quarterly Communication, in June next, when it could be legally acted upon. Nevertheless, in view of the great importance of proper action upon the subject-matter at the next Quarterly Communication, he deemed it indispensable that any amendments or suggestions bearing upon the report of the committee should be offered in writing at this Communication, in order that the whole subject should be presented in an intelligent manner before the Grand Lodge for its final action.

Bro. Alfred F. Chapman accordingly presented the following propositions, which are in the nature of amendments to the report of the committee, viz.: —

PROPOSITIONS SUBMITTED BY BRO. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.

FIRST. That the Masonic Temple shall be established as a "Grand Charity Fund of the Freemasons of Massachusetts."

SECOND. That the Returns of 1878 shall be taken as a basis on which to assess the amounts required from each Lodge or member.

THIRD. The Masons connected with Lodges in Boston shall be required to pay the sum of TEN DOLLARS each.

FOURTH. Those affiliated elsewhere within the State shall be required to pay the sum of NINE DOLLARS each.

FIFTH. The balance required shall be raised by voluntary contributions, or such other means as may be expedient.

SIXTH. The several Lodges within the jurisdiction shall have the right to raise in their own way the proportion of the whole sum required.

SEVENTH. The whole sum shall be collected at a date not later than October 1, 1880.

R.W. Wm. F. Salmon, at the request of a Brother, offered the following amendment, viz.: —

That a tax be levied upon each Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, in proportion to its membership at the date of the annual return of 1879, at the rate of $10 for each member returned at that time, the same to be payable on or before June 1, 1880.

R.W. Bro. Salmon, also by request, proposed the following amendments: —

1. That the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts issue bonds, with coupons attached, payable in ten years from date, but redeemable from time to time, at will, upon one month's public notice of the bonds to be then redeemed, and secured by a mortgage of the land and estate of the property known as the "Masonic Temple," such bonds to be of the denominations of $50, $100, $500, and $1,000, in aggregate amount equalling the whole indebtedness of the Grand Lodge, and bearing interest at the rate of per cent., semi-annually, and payable, principal and interest, in Boston, at the office of the Grand Treasurer; and that the several District Deputies and other officers of the Grand Lodge are hereby appointed special agents of the Grand Lodge, without pay, for their negotiation.

2. That the indebtedness of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts be funded by the issue of shares of capital stock of the par value of $25 each, and that all surplus funds of the said Grand Lodge at the end of each six months be distributed and paid to the shareholders, *pro rata*, to the amount of 4 per cent. per annum, and any remainder of such surplus be applied to the redemption of such shares; and that the District Deputies, and other officers of the Grand Lodge, be special agents, without pay, for the negotiation of the said stock.

The Grand Master stated that, although the report of the Financial Committee would properly come before the Grand Lodge for discussion at the next Quarterly Communication, there could be no objection to the expression of general views upon the question by the Brethren of the Grand Lodge. Accordingly, several Brethren from dif-

ferent portions of the jurisdiction availed themselves of the opportunity to make suggestions and to express their views, and R.W. Bro. Nickerson gave a clear and elaborate statement of the whole subject of finance, as connected with the building of the Temple.

W. George H. Rhodes, in behalf of the Financial Committee; offered the following vote, which was adopted, viz.: —

Voted, That Bros. Nickerson, Bates, and Wells, prepare a brief statement of the receipts and expenses of the Grand Lodge, to be printed on the notices to the Masters and Wardens for the June Communication of the Grand Lodge, if, in the opinion of the M.W. Grand Master, it is expedient.

R.W. Percival L. Everett, for the Committee on the remainder of the Grand Master's Address, submitted the following report, which was accepted, viz.: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REMAINDER OF GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

In Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,
Quarterly Communication,
Boston, March 12, 1879.

The committee to whom were referred "the portions of the Grand Master's address which do not relate to financial matters" respectfully report: That they commend most heartily

the eminently direct and practical character of the address, and invite the most careful consideration of every one of its prudent, cautious, and wise counsels, in the hope that the dangers pointed out, and others merely hinted at, may be warded off, at least from *one* branch of the ancient and honorable Fraternity.

Fifty years ago the dangers were wholly from without. When men reviled and persecuted us there was no inducement for selfish, mercenary, and ambitious men to knock at the doors of our Lodges. The few who presented themselves could then declare with unquestioned truthfulness that they were prompted by a desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish to be serviceable to their fellow-creatures. Not only did this fire of persecution drive away from us all recruits save good men and true, but it purified our ranks of all that was selfish and mean, timid and unmanly. What remained was pure gold.

For the last twenty-five years the current has set in the opposite direction. Masonry has been popular. So incessant has been the demand at the doors of our Lodges that now to say that a man is a Mason is about equivalent to saying that he is a male member of the human family. As a matter of course this rush and torrent have brought many persons into the Fraternity who are utterly incapable of appreciating the dignity and high importance of its aims, or of discharging the delicate duties which devolve upon them. Secret organizations, so called, have at the same time so multiplied, and Masons have carelessly and unwisely so mingled in them, that our duties and obligations as Masons have to many of us lost their force and sacredness, and become common and every-day affairs. Our popularity bids fair to become our ruin.

The veteran Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maine some years ago sounded the note of warning in these words:

"The popularity of the Masonic Institution at the present time is one of the dangers to be guarded against. So many societies are founded on the *Insurance* or *Benefit* idea, that people are likely enough to take that view of Masonry. Probably the publication in our periodicals of stories setting forth the relief of distressed Brethren, widows, and orphans, in their greatest need, favors the idea, and so far is injurious, instead of beneficial, to the Order. People who seek it from such a motive are not likely to be devoted to its work or principles. We would be glad to have every applicant told, as one of our Maine Brethren told a friend who questioned him as to the advantage of becoming a Freemason: 'If you wish to join an association for the sake of what good you can *do*, go to the Masons; if for the sake of what personal benefit you can *get*, keep away from them!' If all inquirers were made to understand this, the increase of numbers would be much less than at present; but what a band of Brothers they would become!"

The publication in the newspapers of Masonic proceedings, and the too free indulgence in Masonic parades, both of which are so strongly condemned by the Grand Master, your committee believe to be generally a work of Brethren who seek rather to get good than to do good by Masonry. Let us get back as speedily as possible to the good old practices of the fathers, when secrecy was most religiously observed; when Brethren knew each other from meeting in the Lodge, and not from common report; and when the transactions of the Lodges were confided only to faithful breasts.

Don't advertise your Masonry. Keep it off your signboards, off your business cards, out of your newspaper advertisements, off your shirt-bosoms, out of the street. Don't puff the Lodge. Don't try to advance its interests by

bluster and noise. Work quietly. "Let not your right hand know what your left hand doeth." Let your life be its own advertisement. The more you try to strengthen it by calling in foreign agencies, the weaker it will become.

"If Masonry does you any good, or you do Masonry any good, that will appear in due time, without your making an effort to tell it, and the communication will be held in higher esteem by its recipients coming thus from another source. In a word, follow Charles Dickens' advice: 'Do all the good you can, and make no fuss about it.'"

The large amount of Masonic work performed by the Grand Master during the last year, as set forth in his annual address, calls for the grateful appreciation of the Craft. Your committee are well aware of the good influences exerted by these frequent visits of the Grand Master to the Lodges, though few of the Brethren know so well as the members of the committee how great a sacrifice of personal convenience and valuable time these visits involve. We should do well to imitate the example thus set us of devotion to the best interest of the Fraternity.

PERCIVAL L. EVERETT,

For the Committee.

On motion of W. Nathaniel Greene, M.D., the sum of five hundred dollars was appropriated for charitable purposes, to be expended under the direction of the Standing Committee on Charity.

R.W. William H. Murray was installed by the M.W. Grand Master into his office as Deputy Grand Master for District No. 9.

R.W. Ivory H. Pope, for the Committee on Charters, presented the following report. The report was accepted, and its recommendation adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS ON PETITION OF R. N. OAKMAN, JR., *ET ALS.*, FOR CHARTER TO MECHANICS' LODGE, TURNER'S FALLS, MONTAGUE.

IN GRAND LODGE,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,
March 12, 1879.

The committee, to whom was referred the petition of Mechanics' Lodge, of Turner's Falls, in the township of Montague, for a charter, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the proceedings of said Lodge while working under Dispensation, and find them to be in accordance with the Grand Constitions and Masonic usage.

Your committee find upon examination of the Records and Returns that the Lodge has initiated six candidates during the year, and has paid the proper fees to the Grand Treasurer, and recommend that a charter be issued as prayed for.

Fraternally submitted,

IVORY H. POPE,
Committee.

R.W. Wm. F. Salmon, for the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendations therein contained were adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,
March 12, 1879.

The Committee on By-Laws have examined amendments submitted by

BAALBEC LODGE, East Boston,
MT. HOREB LODGE, West Harwich,
WINSLOW LEWIS LODGE, Boston,
ST. BERNARD LODGE, Southboro',
MOSAIC LODGE, Danvers,
LIBERTY LODGE, Beverly,
MT. TABOR LODGE, East Boston,

and recommend them for approval.

Also full codes submitted by MECHANICS' LODGE, Turner's Falls, and SAINT MARK'S LODGE, Newburyport, are recommended for approval as amended and reduced by the committee, a description of seal to be furnished by SAINT MARK'S LODGE.

W. F. SALMON,
L. W. LOVELL,
THOS. W. DAVIS,
Committee on By-Laws.

A communication was received from the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, containing a restatement of the grounds upon which that body claims and desires the recognition of the Grand Lodge, which was referred to a committee consisting of R.W. Bros. S. D. Nickerson, Samuel P. Oliver, and Henry Endicott.

The Grand Master appointed as a committee to prepare suitable resolutions upon the death of our lamented associate, R.W. Charles Kimball, of Lowell, Past Grand Warden; R.W. Solon W. Stevens, R.W. Charles A. Train, and W. Charles F. Young.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, at twenty minutes past five o'clock, P.M.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
Recording Grand Secretary.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS:

CHARLES A. WELCH,

MASONIC TEMPLE,

BOSTON, MASS.

RECORDING GRAND SECRETARY'S ADDRESS:

TRACY P. CHEEVER,

MASONIC TEMPLE,

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OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

CONSTITUTION OF MECHANICS' LODGE, TURNER'S FALLS.

APRIL 1, A.L. 5879.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Turner's Falls, in the town of Montague, on Tuesday, the first day of April, A.L. 5879, A.D. 1879, for the purpose of constituting Mechanics' Lodge, installing its officers, and dedicating its apartments.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. CHARLES ALFRED WELCH . .	Grand Master.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL . . .	*as* Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON . .	*as* Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE . .	*as* Grand Chaplain.
W. F. LYMAN WINSHIP	Grand Marshal.
W. D. C. BANGS	*as* Grand Stewards.
Bro. WM. E. DUDLEY	*as* Grand Stewards.
Bro. FRANK E. JONES	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM, in an apartment adjoining the Hall of Mechanics' Lodge, at fifty-one minutes past eight o'clock, P.M. The Brethren of Mechanics' Lodge, having announced their readiness, the Grand Lodge entered their Hall, where the Lodge was solemnly constituted by the Grand Master, and its officers duly installed. At the conclusion of these ceremonies the Masonic apartments to be occupied by the Lodge were dedicated according to ancient form and the ritual of the Grand Lodge. At the close of this service the Grand Master addressed the members of the new Lodge, congratulating them upon the favorable auspices under which they had assumed the work of Masonry in this locality, and wishing them prosperity and happiness.

The Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, in the apartment in which it was opened, at fifty minutes past ten o'clock, A.M.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

TRACY P. CHEEVER,

Recording Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

DEDICATION OF MASONIC HALL IN MILFORD.

APRIL 25, A.L. 5879.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Milford, on Friday, the twenty-fifth day of April, A.L. 5879, A.D. 1879, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic apartments of Montgomery Lodge.

PRESENT.

M.W. CHARLES ALFRED WELCH	Grand Master.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. SOLON W. STEVENS	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY G. FAY	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON	*as* Grand Treasurer.
R.W. TRACY P. CHEEVER	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE	*as* Grand Chaplain.
W. JOSEPH WINSOR	*as* Grand Marshal.
W. ALFRED F. CHAPMAN	*as* Grand Deacons.
W. H. M. BRITTON	
W. O. B. SEAGRAVE	*as* Grand Stewards.
W. CYRUS F. BAKER	
BRO. FRANK E. JONES	Grand Tyler.

Solomon's Temple, Olive Branch, John Warren, Mount Hollis, Franklin, and Charles River Lodges were represented by their respective Masters and

Wardens, John Warren Lodge having also fifty of its members present. Many other Lodges were represented, the attendance being very large.

The Grand Lodge was opened in a spacious room adjoining the main Hall of Montgomery Lodge, in AMPLE FORM, at fifty-three minutes past seven o'clock, P.M.

Shortly after the opening, a committee of Montgomery Lodge was introduced, by whom the Grand Lodge was escorted to the Hall, when the M.W. Grand Master assumed the chair, and the new and commodious Masonic apartments of Montgomery Lodge were solemnly dedicated to the offices and purposes of Masonry in due and ancient form, after which the usual proclamation was made.

At the conclusion of this service the Grand Lodge retired, under escort of the committee, to the room in which it had been opened, where, at five minutes past nine o'clock, P.M., it was closed in AMPLE FORM.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

TRACY P. CHEEVER,

Recording Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT OF THE GRAND CONSTITUTIONS RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF THE EXISTING DEBT OF THE GRAND LODGE.

JUNE 11, A.L. 5879, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, the eleventh day of June, A.L. 5879, A.D. 1879.

M.W. Charles A. Welch, the R.W. Grand Warden's and other officers of the Grand Lodge, and several permanent members, together with representatives of a very large number of Lodges, were present.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

The Grand Master stated that he had called a Special Communication at this hour, for the purpose of enabling the Brethren throughout the jurisdiction to interchange views in relation to the amendment of the Constitutions submitted by the

Committee on the Financial Condition of the Grand Lodge in their report presented at the Quarterly Communication in March last, which amendment provided for the laying of a capitation-tax of one dollar per year, to pay the existing debt of the Grand Lodge, on each affiliated Mason in this Commonwealth, for the term of fifteen years from September 1, 1879, unless the debt shall be sooner liquidated, and also for the purpose of discussing and considering, prior to the regular Communication to be held in the afternoon of this day, the amendments heretofore offered and which might now be offered to the said report.

After an introductory statement by the Grand Master of the great importance to the Grand Lodge and the Fraternity throughout the jurisdiction of a wise, just, and honorable determination of the questions involved in the proposed amendment of the Committee, he left the whole subject in the hands of the Brethren for a full and free discussion preliminary to the final action at the regular session in the afternoon.

Many Brethren participated in this discussion, by whom the subject was presented in a clear light and to the evident satisfaction of the representatives of the Lodges.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Grand Lodge was closed, in AMPLE FORM, at 1 o'clock, P.M.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

TRACY P. CHEEVER,

Recording Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

JUNE 11, A.L. 5879.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, the eleventh day of June, A.L. 5879, A.D. 1879.

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" HENRY G. FAY	Junior Grand Warden.
" SAMUEL WELLS	Grand Treasurer.
" TRACY P. CHEEVER	Recording Grand Secretary.
" GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
" ALBERT L. RICHARDSON . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 1.
" WILLIAM H. WEST	" " " " 3.
" GEORGE J. TOWNSEND . . .	" " " " 4.
" JOHN B. HILL	" " " " 5.
" D. B. INGALLS	" " " " 7.
" WILLIAM H. MURRAY . . .	" " " " 9.
" WILLIAM C. ROBINSON . . .	" " " " 10.
" WILLIAM H. PHIPPS	" " " " 12.
" FREDERICK D. ELY	" " " " 13.
" A. H. W. CARPENTER . . .	" " " " 14.
" RUSSELL MATTHEWS	" " " " 15.
" LEAVITT BATES	" " " " 16.
" AUGUSTUS E. SCOTT	" " " " 17.

W. F. Lyman Winship	Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Waterman	" Lecturers.
" Charles M. Avery	
" J. Francis Lotts	
" Marlborough Williams	Senior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas W. Davis	Junior Grand Deacon.
" James Mills	Junior Grand Stewards.
" H. N. Fisher	
" Joseph Winsor	Grand Sword-Bearer.
" Z. L. Bicknell	Grand Standard-Bearer.
" Otis E. Weld	Grand Pursuivants.
" Henry J. Parker	
Bro. Frank E. Jones	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. William D. Coolidge	Past Grand Master.
" William Parkman	" " "
" Charles C. Dame	" " "
" Sereno D. Nickerson	" " "
" Percival L. Everett	" " "
" Lucius R. Paige	Past Deputy Grand Master.
" G. Washington Warren	" " " "
" Bradford L. Wales	Past Grand Warden.
" Joel Spaulding	" " "
" Henry Chickering	" " "
" William W. Baker	" " "
" William Sutton	" " "
" Samuel P. Oliver	" " "
" William F. Salmon	" " "
" Samuel C. Lawrence	" " "
" Henry Endicott	" " "
" Daniel W. Lawrence	" " "
" William H. Chessman	" " "
" Benjamin Dean	" " "
" Wyzeman Marshall	" " "
" Henry Mulliken	" " "
" Ivory H. Pope	" " "
" Elijah W. Burr	" " "

R.W.	Lucius W. Lovell . . .	Past Grand Warden.
"	Daniel Upton	" " "
"	Edward Avery	" " "
"	Irving B. Sayles	" " "

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

R.W. Francis Childs.

The following one hundred and eighty lodges were represented, viz.: —

Aberdour.	Charles A. Welch.	Franklin.
Acacia.	Charles C. Dame.	Fraternal.
Adams.	Charles H. Titus.	Gate of the Temple.
Adelphi.	Charles River.	Germania.
Alfred Baylies.	Charles W. Moore.	Good Samaritan.
Amicable.	Chicopee.	Greylock.
Amity.	Cincinnatus.	Hammatt.
Anchor.	Cochichewick.	Hampden.
Ancient Landmark.	Columbian.	Hampshire.
Ancient York.	Concordia.	Hayden.
Artisan.	Constellation.	Henry Price.
Athelstan.	Corinthian.	Hiram.
Athol.	Corner Stone.	Hope.
Aurora.	Crescent.	Howard.
Baalbec.	Dalhousie.	Huntington.
Belcher.	Day Spring.	Hyde Park.
Belmont.	Delta.	Ionic (Taunton).
Berkshire.	Doric.	Ionic (Easthampton).
Bethany.	Eden.	Isaac Parker.
Bethesda (Brighton).	Eleusis.	James Otis.
Beth-horon.	Eliot.	Jerusalem.
Blackstone River.	Essex.	John Abbot.
Blue Hill.	Eureka.	John Cutler.
Boylston.	Excelsior.	John Hancock.
Bristol.	Ezekiel Bates.	John T. Heard.
Caleb Butler.	Faith.	Jordan.
Charity.	Fellowship.	Joseph Warren.

JOSEPH WEBB.
KILWINNING.
KING CYRUS.
KING DAVID.
KING HIRAM.
KING PHILIP.
KING SOLOMON.
KONOHASSETT.
LAFAYETTE (Boston Highlands).
LAFAYETTE (North Adams).
LIBERTY.
MARINE.
MARINER'S.
MARTHA'S VINEYARD.
MASSACHUSETTS.
MAY FLOWER.
MECHANICS'.
MERIDIAN.
MERRIMACK.
MIDDLESEX.
MIZPAH.
MONITOR.
MORNING STAR.
MORNING SUN.
MONTACUTE.
MONTGOMERY.
MOUNT HERMON.
MOUNT HOLLIS.
MOUNT HOLYOKE.
MOUNT HOPE.
MOUNT HOREB (Woburn).
MOUNT HOREB (West Harwich).
MOUNT LEBANON.
MOUNT MORIAH.
MOUNT OLIVET.
MOUNT TABOR.
MOUNT VERNON.
MUMFORD RIVER.
MYSTIC.
NORFOLK.
NORTH STAR.
OLD COLONY.
OLIVE BRANCH.
ORANGE.
ORIENT.
ORPHANS' HOPE.
OXFORD.
PALESTINE.
PAUL DEAN.
PENTUCKET.
PEQUOSETTE.
PHŒNIX.
PILGRIM.
PIONEER.
PLYMOUTH.
PURITAN.
PUTNAM.
QUABOAG.
QUINEBAUG.
QUINSIGAMOND.
RABBONI.
REPUBLICAN.
REVERE.
RISING STAR.
ROBERT LASH.
ROSWELL LEE.
RURAL.
SAINT ANDREW'S.
SAINT GEORGE.
SAINT JAMES.
SAINT JOHN'S (Boston).
SAINT JOHN'S (Newburyport).
SAINT MARK'S,
SAINT MARTIN'S.
SAINT MATTHEW'S.
SAINT PAUL.
SATUIT.
SIMON W. ROBINSON.
SOCIAL HARMONY.
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.
STAR.
STAR IN THE EAST.
STAR OF BETHLEHEM.
STARR KING.
TEMPLE.
TUSCAN.
TYRIAN.
UNION (Dorchester).
UNION (Nantucket).
VERNON.
WARREN.
WASHINGTON.
WEBSTER.
WILDER.
WILLIAM NORTH.
WILLIAM PARKMAN.
WINSLOW LEWIS.
WYOMING.
ZETLAND.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at two o'clock, P.M. Prayer was offered

by the M.W. Grand Master, and a hymn was sung.

The record of the Quarterly Communication of March 12, A.L. 5879, was approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

The records of the Special Communication at Turner's Falls, on April 1, A.L. 5879, and at Milford, on April 25, A.L. 5879, were read and approved.

Proxies were presented by the following Lodges, viz.: —

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, BERKSHIRE, ESSEX, CRESCENT, QUABOAG, BLACKSTONE RIVER, GOOD SAMARITAN, JAMES OTIS, MOUNT TOM, BETHANY, BOYLSTON, STAR, and SOCIAL HARMONY.

The Brethren thus appointed proxies were recognized as such.

By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws: —

FULL CODES.

SAINT MARK'S, Newburyport.
MERRIMACK, Haverhill.

AMENDMENTS.

DALHOUSIE, Newton.
WILDER, Leominster.
STARR KING, Salem.

SAINT GEORGE, Campello.
QUINEBAUG, Southbridge.
WARREN, Amesbury.
MOUNT VERNON, Malden.

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by the M.W. Grand Master, and a hymn was sung.

The record of the Quarterly Communication of March 12, A.L. 5879, was approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

The records of the Special Communication at Turner's Falls, on April 1, A.L. 5879, and at Milford, on April 25, A.L. 5879, were read and approved.

Proxies were presented by the following Lodges, viz.: —

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, BERKSHIRE, ESSEX, CRESCENT, QUABOAG, BLACKSTONE RIVER, GOOD SAMARITAN, JAMES OTIS, MOUNT TOM, BETHANY, BOYLSTON, STAR, and SOCIAL HARMONY.

The Brethren thus appointed proxies were recognized as such.

By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws: —

FULL CODES.

SAINT MARK'S, Newburyport.
MERRIMACK, Haverhill.

AMENDMENTS.

DALHOUSIE, Newton.
WILDER, Leominster.
STARR KING, Salem.

SAINT GEORGE, Campello.
QUINEBAUG, Southbridge.
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Voted, That any such member may be relieved from this tax by paying ten dollars on or before August 31, 1880.

Voted, That any Lodge may relieve all its present and future members from this capitation-tax by paying ten dollars for each member, belonging to the Lodge at the time of the passage of this vote; and that any Lodge so assuming the debt may reimburse itself in such way as it may see fit, by assessment, initiation fees, or otherwise.

On motion of Bro. Erastus Chase, it was ordered that the question upon the passage of the foregoing votes be taken at three o'clock, P.M.

Several communications were presented from various Brethren, suggesting schemes for the payment of the debt of the Grand Lodge, which differed materially from the recommendations of the Financial Committee.

The Grand Master proposed to read these communications; but as many of them were quite voluminous, and as the propositions therein contained had previously been made known in substance to the Grand Lodge, the reading of them was, by unanimous vote, dispensed with.

R.W. Bro. William F. Salmon read a brief but carefully prepared statement of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, in consequence of the erection of the Temple, giving the history of the

project from the beginning, and of the action of the Grand Lodge from time to time concerning the same, and showing in the clearest manner the operation and effect of the capitation-tax, and more especially the beneficial influence of a general commutation of the tax in the reduction of the large amount of interest now payable on the debt.

W. Bro. Alfred F. Chapman then formally withdrew the propositions submitted by him at the last Quarterly Communication.

R.W. Bro. William F. Salmon also withdrew the several propositions submitted by him on behalf of other Brethren at the same Communication.

The hour for taking the question upon the proposed amendment to the Constitutions, as contained in the three foregoing votes, having arrived, the Grand Master appointed R.W. William H. Chessman and Bros. G. H. Hooker and C. F. Grout as tellers to count the votes and report the same to the Grand Lodge.

The names of the officers, permanent members, and representatives of Lodges were called, and each Brother thus called voted in response.

After the call was completed the tellers retired, and soon after returned and made report as follows, viz.: —

Whole number of Lodges voting	178
Whole number of votes cast, including Grand Officers, Permanent Members, and Representatives of Lodges,	592
Necessary to carry amendment (two-thirds) . .	396
Number of votes in affirmative	537
Number of votes in negative	55

The Grand Master thereupon announced that two-thirds of the votes cast having been thrown in favor of the amendment to the Constitution, the amendment prevailed.

The Recording Grand Secretary presented a communication from Bro. Juan B. Hernandez, Grand Master of the so-called Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, setting forth the condition of Masonry in that Island, and the relation of this Grand Body thereto, and requesting recognition by this Grand Lodge. Referred to R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, W. James H. Gleason, and W. Charles T. Gallagher.

A communication was presented from Bro. H. H. Groves, claiming that he had been illegally expelled from Middlesex Lodge, and desiring an investigation. Referred to R.W. Percival L. Everett, W. Alfred C. Hale, and W. Columbus Corey.

The petition of Horace F. Allen for restoration was read and referred to R.W. Henry Endicott, W. Benj. F. Ayers, and W. Frederick L. Cutting.

A memorial from Bro. Henry C. Shephard and five other Brethren, in regard to the exclusion of their names from the charter of Mechanics' Lodge, at Turner's Falls, and praying for an investigation, was received and referred to R.W. Edward Avery, W. O. B. Seagrave, and W. Freeman H. Lothrop.

R.W. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., in behalf of the Committee on the Petition of Germania Lodge for a Ritual in the German Language, presented the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendation therein contained adopted: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITION OF GERMANIA LODGE FOR A RITUAL IN THE GERMAN LANGUAGE.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
Wednesday, June 11, 1879.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Germania Lodge for a copy of the Ritual in the German language, respectfully report, recommending that, under the direction of the M. W. Grand Master, the prayer of the petitioners be granted, the Ritual to be preserved under the same arrangement as that in English.

ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.,
SERENO D. NICKERSON,
J. A. CONKEY,
Committee.

R.W. Edward Avery, in behalf of the Committee on Healing, requested further time to report on the petition of R.W. McDonald, for healing; which was granted.

The Committee on Change of the Seal of the Grand Lodge, through R.W. Bro. Nickerson requested further time; which was granted.

The Committee on the action of the Grand Orient of France also desired further time; which was granted.

R.W. Bro. Sereno D. Nickerson, for the Committee to whom was referred, at the Quarterly Communication in March last, a second communication from the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, containing a restatement of the grounds upon which that Body claims and desires the recognition of this Grand Lodge, made a verbal report, to the effect that the committee see no reason, from the perusal of this document or otherwise, to change the determination of the Grand Lodge heretofore expressed in accordance with the recommendation of the former committee, to wit, that it is not at present expedient to grant the recognition requested.

Accepted.

The Grand Master, to whom was referred a complaint of Howard Lodge, in reference to the conduct of one of its members, requested further time on account of the multiplicity of his Masonic engagements during the past two months, which

had prevented his consideration of the matter. This was granted.

On motion of W. Bro. Elisha H. Shaw, it was voted that a committee of five be appointed to consider the subject of the annual expenditures of the Grand Lodge; to see if proper economy is exercised, and whether any reduction in expenses can be advantageously made, and make report at the Annual Communication in December next.

The Grand Master appointed the following Brethren to act as such committee, viz.: — W. Elisha H. Shaw, W. William A. Hill, W. William W. Keith, W. David W. Tinsley, and Bro. John Hillis.

R.W. Solon W. Stevens, for the committee appointed to present resolutions relative to the death of R.W. Charles Kimball, presented the following report, which was accepted: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DEATH OF R.W. CHAS. KIMBALL.

IN GRAND LODGE,
BOSTON, June 11, 1879.

To the M. W. Grand Master: —

The Committee appointed to prepare and present some fitting notice of the death of R.W. Chas. Kimball, Past Senior Grand Warden of this Grand Lodge, have attended to that duty, and beg to submit the following report: —

Again have our ranks been invaded by the invincible enemy,

and a brother whose life was enriched by domestic endearments, adorned by virtues incident to faithful Masonic service, has been summoned to his final account.

Another spirit, zealous and untiring in the interests of our Order, has left the scene of earthly companionship to join the communion of kindred beyond the veil.

Chas. Kimball was born at Littleton in 1811, and died at Lowell, March 6, 1879, being sixty-eight years of age. The period of time thus represented covers a life of activity and usefulness, characterized by fidelity and zeal in whatever position occupied. At the age of eighteen he became a teacher in the grammar schools of Boston. At one time he was in the Mayhew School, and finally was principal in the Boylston School. He was one of the famous body of "Boston Masters," of whom Wm. D. Swan and Barnum Field were leaders, and who attained considerable prominence at that time by a spirited controversy with Horace Mann. In 1859 he resided in Winchester, and while occupying the position of principal of the Boylston School, he was brought forward as a candidate for the post of sheriff of Middlesex County, and was elected. In January, 1860, he entered upon his new duties, and in the following May moved to Lowell, assumed personal charge of the Lowell jail, and resided in that city until the time of his death. He was widely known and highly esteemed as a citizen, and throughout the Commonwealth was honored for conspicuous ability in the discharge of the duties of his official position, extending over a period of nineteen years.

Laboring successfully for more than a quarter of a century in the school-room, he was always actively engaged in every enterprise which appertained to the educational interests of the day.

He was eminently qualified for his high official position. While he believed in the necessity of discipline and justice among men, tenderness and philanthropy were prominent traits of character, to which the business of his life gave constant exercise.

In 1839 he was married at Boston, and his wife, two daughters, and one son, survive him. In his domestic and social relations he was happy, as well as in business life. Ardent by temperament, energetic and kind, he was welcome always and everywhere, from his friends of influence and position, down to the humblest prisoner in his charge. A good man and a Brother has gone, and his place cannot be easily filled.

R.W. Bro. Kimball received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, in Mt. Horeb Lodge, Woburn, January 7th, February 4th, March 13th, 1857. In 1858–9 he was Junior Deacon; in 1860, Junior Warden; in 1861–2, Senior Warden, and in 1863, W. Master of the same Lodge. He became a charter member of the Kilwinning Lodge, Lowell, in 1867; was appointed D.D.G.M. of the 7th Mas. Dis. in 1867–8, and was elected Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Mass., December 13, 1871. He received the degree of Mark Master November 20th; Past Master November 26th; Most Excellent Master, December 17th; R.A. Mason, December 31st, 1860, in Mt. Horeb R. A. Chapter, Lowell.

He received the Order of the Red Cross, February 1st, and the Order of the Temple, March 13th, 1861, in Pilgrim Commandery, Lowell.

He received the degree of Select Master, May 5th, Royal and Super-excellent Master, June 2d, 1862, in Ahasuerus Council, Lowell.

When Pilgrim Commandery was admitted under the compact

of the Masonic Association of Lowell, in April, 1867, Bro. Kimball was the first elected Trustee, and held that office until his death.

The degrees of the A. and A. Scottish Rite, from the 4th to the 32d inclusive, were conferred by the Lowell Bodies, February 4, 1863, the Mass. Consistory being at that time located in that city.

On the 20th August, 1874, he received the 33d degree.

Such is the outline of the life of our Brother, so far as statistics are concerned. But these dates are simply the outward expression of a hidden meaning which points to a career varied by labor, by trials, by mental conflicts, by pleasure, and by strict observance of the call of duty in the life of a good citizen, a pleasant companion, a Christian gentleman, and a Brother known and honored throughout the State on account of his many attractive qualities, and his truly generous nature.

As an expression of regard for the memory of our Brother, your Committee desire to present the following preamble and resolutions: —

Whereas, By the death of R.W. Chas. Kimball, we are called to mourn the loss of one of the most widely known and highly honored Masons of the Commonwealth; and

Whereas, It is eminently proper that this Grand Lodge should place upon record some expression of sorrow for the loss thus sustained; therefore

Resolved, That we will tenderly revere the memory of our honored Brother for the zeal and fidelity with which he upheld the principles of our Order, and for the enthusiasm and the ability which he brought to the discharge of every duty.

Resolved, That, by his industrious and unsullied life, his generosity and courtesy, his devotion to the cause of Free-

masonry, and his keen appreciation of the dignity of character which should belong to the upright Mason, our Brother may justly be regarded as an example worthy of imitation by all members of the Craft.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge does most respectfully and tenderly sympathize with the family of our deceased Brother, and that the Recording Grand Secretary be requested to transmit to them a copy of these resolutions.

SOLON W. STEVENS,
CHAS. F. YOUNG,
Committee.

W. Bro. Thomas W. Davis, for the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following report, which was accepted, and the recommendations of the committee were adopted: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE,
BOSTON, June 11, 1879.

The Committee on By-Laws have examined the amendments submitted by

Dalhousie	Lodge,	Newtonville,
Mt. Vernon	"	Malden,
Warren	"	Amesbury,
Quinebaug	"	Southbridge,
St. George	"	Campello.
Starr King	"	Salem,
Wilder	"	Leominster,

and recommend their approval.

The full codes submitted by

St. Mark's Lodge, Newburyport,
Merrimack " Haverhill,

are also recommended for approval (slight changes having been made in the code of Merrimack Lodge), when a description of the Seal shall, in each case, have been furnished.

W. F. SALMON,
L. W. LOVELL,
THOS. W. DAVIS,
Committee on By-Laws.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, at twenty-five minutes past four o'clock, P.M.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
Recording Grand Secretary.

[The Grand Master announced that hereafter the large anteroom in front of Corinthian Hall would be open on every week day from 9, A.M., to 4, P.M., for the accommodation of the Brethren throughout the jurisdiction.]

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Abstract of Proceedings

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT SALEM.

JUNE 24, A.L. 5879.

FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN, THE BAPTIST, AND CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE INTRODUCTION OF MASONRY INTO SALEM, BY THE INSTITUTION OF ESSEX LODGE.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Salem, on Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of June, A.L. 5879, A.D. 1879, for the purpose of celebrating the Feast Day of Saint John, the Baptist, and especially for the commemoration of the Centennial Anniversary of the institution of Essex Lodge, and of the introduction of Masonry into Salem.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. CHARLES ALFRED WELCH . . Grand Master.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR. . Deputy Grand Master.
" WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . . *as* Senior Grand Warden.
" HENRY G. FAY . . . . . Junior Grand Warden.
" PETER C. JONES . . . . *as* Grand Treasurer.

R.W. Tracy P. Cheever	Recording Grand Secretary.
" William Parkman . . .	*as* Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
W. F. Lyman Winship	Grand Marshal.
" Charles M. Avery	Grand Lecturer.
" Marlborough Williams . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
" John M. Rodocanachi . .	*as* Junior Grand Deacon.
" Henry N. Fisher	*as* Senior Grand Steward.
" William C. Maxwell . . .	*as* Junior Grand Steward.
" Joseph Winsor	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. Samuel P. Oliver . . .	Grand Pursuivants.
W. Henry J. Parker	
Bro. Frank E. Jones	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. William D. Coolidge . . .	Past Grand Master.
" Charles C. Dame	" " "
" Percival L. Everett . . .	" " "
" Charles L. Woodbury . . .	Past Deputy Grand Master.
" William W. Baker	Past Grand Warden.
" William Sutton	" " "
" William T. Grammer . . .	" " "
" Isaac H. Wright	" " "
" Wyzeman Marshall . . .	" " "
" Edward Avery	" " "

The Grand Lodge was opened in an ante-room adjoining the hall of Essex Lodge, in Ample Form, at 11.45 o'clock, A.M.

At 12 o'clock, M., a procession was formed, under direction of Bro. J. M. Parsons, as Chief Marshal, with Bros. E. A. Annable, W. G. Webber, Daniel Low, W. S. Dickson, J. P. Browning, and O. D. Way, as Assistant Marshals. The procession was composed of the Winslow

Lewis Commandery, K.T., of Salem, E. Sir John B. Hill, Eminent Commander; Newburyport Commandery, K.T., E. Sir Moses H. Fowler, Eminent Commander; Amity Chapter, R.A.M., of Beverly, Comp. Isaac H. Edgett, M.E. High Priest; Sutton Chapter, R.A.M., of Lynn, Comp. Henry L. Drake, M.E.H.P.; Washington Chapter, R.A.M., of Salem, Comp. George E. Plummer, M.E.H.P.; Salem Council, R. and S.M., Comp. H. A. Brown, T.I.M.; Wm. Sutton Lodge, of Saugus, George C. Stewart, W.M.; Amity Lodge, of Danvers, A. Frank Welch, W.M.; Starr King Lodge, of Salem, Albert B. Russell, W.M.; Jordan Lodge, of Peabody, John C. Jodrey, W.M.; and Essex Lodge, of Salem, William A. Hill, W.M.

The procession, under escort of the Commanderies, moved from Washington square, and on arriving at the hall of Essex Lodge received the Grand Master and other Grand Officers, who were escorted to the Universalist Church. At the church, services appropriate to the occasion were performed; Rev. Bros. E. C. Bolles and Fielder Israel, of Salem, and Bro. Bartlett, of Newburyport, acting as Chaplains; the church choir, organist, and band rendering a selection of choice music. An oration, having reference to the formation of

Essex Lodge, and the establishment of Masonry in Salem, was delivered by R.W. Tracy P. Cheever, Recording Grand Secretary.

At the close of the services in the church the procession was formed, and marched to the banquet hall, where a sumptuous entertainment had been provided by the Brethren of Salem. At the banquet His Honor, Henry K. Oliver, Mayor of the city, was present as a guest. Regular toasts were read, in response to the first of which the Grand Master addressed the large assemblage of Brethren, referring to the peculiar significance of the day, and expressing the hope that those who will celebrate the next centennial of Freemasonry in Salem may be as happy as those engaged in the present celebration.

At the conclusion of the banquet the Grand Officers were escorted to the hall of Essex Lodge, and the Grand Lodge was closed in the apartment in which it was opened, in AMPLE FORM, at 5.30 o'clock, P.M.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

TRACY P. CHEEVER,

Recording Grand Secretary.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

SEPTEMBER 10, A.L. 5879.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, the tenth day of September, A.L. 5879, A.D. 1879.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. CHARLES ALFRED WELCH . .	Grand Master.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	Deputy Grand Master.
" SOLON W. STEVENS	Senior Grand Warden.
" HENRY G. FAY	Junior Grand Warden.
" SAMUEL WELLS	Grand Treasurer
" TRACY P. CHEEVER	Recording Grand Secretary.
" GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
" ALBERT L. RICHARDSON . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 1.
" JONATHAN BIGELOW . . .	" " " 2.
" WILLIAM H. WEST	" " " 3.
" GEORGE J. TOWNSEND, M.D. .	" " " 4.
" JOHN B. HILL	" " " 5.
" THOMAS LEYLAND	" " " 6.
" D. B. INGALLS	" " " 7.
" CHARLES W. MOODY . . .	" " " 11.
" FREDERICK D. ELY	" " " 13.
" A. H. W. CARPENTER . . .	" " " 14.
" RUSSELL MATTHEWS . . .	" " " 15.
" LEAVITT BATES	" " " 16.

R.W. A. E. Scott	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 17.
" Frank Morton	" " " 19.
W. Rev. Joshua Young	Grand Chaplain.
" F. Lyman Winship	Grand Marshal.
" Marlborough Williams	Senior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas W. Davis	Junior Grand Deacon.
" James Mills	Junior Grand Steward.
" Otis E. Weld	Grand Pursuivants.
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Bro. Howard M. Dow	Grand Organist.
" Frank E. Jones	Grand Tyler.

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" Sereno D. Nickerson	" " "
" Percival L. Everett	" " "
" Lucius R. Paige	Past Deputy Grand Master.
" G. Washington Warren	" " " "
" Charles R. Train	" " " "
" Henry Chickering	Past Grand Warden.
" William W. Baker	" " "
" William Sutton	" " "
" Samuel P. Oliver	" " "
" William F. Salmon	" " "
" Samuel C. Lawrence	" " "
" Henry Endicott	" " "
" William H. Chessman	" " "
" Wyzeman Marshall	" " "
" George H. Taber	" " "
" Ivory H. Pope	" " "
" Tracy P. Cheever	" " "
" Lucius W. Lovell	" " "
" Irving B. Sayles	" " "

The following ninety-one lodges were represented, viz.: —

ALFRED BAYLIES.
AMICABLE.
AMITY.
ANCIENT LANDMARK.
ANCIENT YORK.
AURORA.
BELMONT.
BRISTOL.
CHARLES A. WELCH.
CHARLES H. TITUS.
COCHICHEWICK.
COLUMBIAN.
CORINTHIAN.
CORNER STONE.
DALHOUSIE.
DELTA.
ELEUSIS.
ELIOT.
EUREKA.
EZEKIEL BATES.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE.
GOLDEN FLEECE.
HAMMATT.
HAMPDEN.
HYDE PARK.
IONIC (Taunton).
ISAAC PARKER.
JAMES OTIS.
JOHN ABBOT.
JOHN CUTLER.
JOHN T. HEARD.
JORDAN.
JOSEPH WARREN.
JOSEPH WEBB.
KING CYRUS.
KING DAVID.
KING SOLOMON.
LAFAYETTE (Boston Highlands).
MARINE.
MECHANICS'.
MONITOR.
MORNING STAR.
MONTACUTE.
MONTGOMERY.
MOSAIC.
MOUNT HERMON.
MOUNT HOREB (Woburn).
MOUNT LEBANON.
MOUNT OLIVET.
MOUNT VERNON.
NARRAGANSETT.
NORFOLK UNION.
NORFOLK.
OLD COLONY.
ORANGE.
ORIENT.
ORPHANS' HOPE.
PALESTINE.
PAUL DEAN.
PAUL REVERE.
PENTUCKET.
PEQUOSETTE.
PHŒNIX.
PLYMOUTH.
PUTNAM.
RABBONI.
REVERE.
ROBERT LASH.
ROSWELL LEE.
RURAL.
SAINT ALBAN'S.
SAINT ANDREW'S.
SAINT JOHN'S (Boston).
SAINT PAUL.
SIMON W. ROBINSON.
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE.
STAR.
STAR IN THE EAST.
STAR OF BETHLEHEM.
STARR KING.
TUSCAN.
UNION (Dorchester).
UNION (Nantucket).
WASHINGTON.
WEBSTER.
WILLIAM NORTH.
WILLIAM PARKMAN.
WILLIAM SUTTON.
WINSLOW LEWIS.
WYOMING.
ZETLAND.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at two o'clock, P.M. Prayer was offered by Rev. Bro. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain, and a hymn was sung.

The record of the Special Communication at

Salem, on St. John the Baptist's day, June 24, A.L. 5879, was read and approved, and the record of the Quarterly Communication of June 11, A.L. 5879, was approved without reading, the same having been distributed among the members in printed form.

Letters of proxy were presented from the following Lodges, viz.: —

NORFOLK UNION, in favor of W. BRO. JOHN B. THAYER;
SAINT ALBAN'S, in favor of W. BRO. ISAAC P. CARPENTER;

and these Brethren were severally recognized as proxies.

By-Laws from the following Lodges were presented for approval: —

FULL CODE.

NOQUOCHOKE, U. D., REPUBLICAN.

AMENDMENTS.

AURORA,
CHICOPEE,
EZEKIEL BATES,
GATE OF THE TEMPLE,
JOSEPH WEBB,
KONOHASSETT,
MORNING STAR,
ROSWELL LEE,

and were referred to the Standing Committee on By-Laws.

The Recording Grand Secretary presented a communication from the President of the Board of Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, requesting a further consideration of the subject of the recognition of that body by the Grand Lodge. The Communication was referred to R.W. Bros. Sereno D. Nickerson, Samuel P. Oliver, and Henry Endicott.

The following petition for a Charter for Noquochoke Lodge was presented in behalf of the Brethren who have acted under the Dispensation: —

PETITION OF LAWRANCE S. SMITH, AND FIFTEEN OTHERS, FOR CHARTER FOR NOQUOCHOKE LODGE, AT SOUTH WESTPORT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: —

We, the undersigned Master Masons, to whom your Most Worshipful Grand Master issued a Dispensation bearing date of September 11, A.D. 1878, empowering us to form and open a Lodge, now returning our Dispensation with a record of all our proceedings and our By-Laws, respectfully pray, if these be approved, for a Charter of Constitution, empowering us, with those who may hereafter join us, under the name of Noquochoke Lodge, of South Westport, to perform all the ceremonies, and discharge all the duties, at said South Westport, appertaining to Ancient Craft Masonry, in accordance with the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

Lawrance S. Smith,	Cortez Allen,
Theodore Tripp,	Albert M. Allen,
Jas. Allen, 2d,	Wm. C. Brownell,
Zelotes L. Almy,	J. E. Allen,
Stephen A. Brownell,	Chas. H. Brownell,
Wm. Valentine,	Alexander H. Cory,
John B. Parris,	George Potter,
Andrew R. Trafford,	Holden D. Crapo.

South Westport, June, A.D. 1879.

The petition was referred to the Standing Committee on Charters.

R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson presented the report of the Committee on the Communication from Brother Juan B. Hernandez, Grand Master of the (so called) Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, which was accepted, and the action recommended by the committee was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE COMMUNICATION OF BRO. JUAN B. HERNANDEZ.

In Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,
Boston, Sept. 10, 1879.

The committee to whom was referred the communication from Brother Juan B. Hernandez, Grand Master of the so-called Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba, respectfully report: —

That said communication bears date "Havana, April 30, 1879," and purports to give a brief history of Masonry in the

Island of Cuba, for the previous twenty years, and particularly of the origin of the various so-called Grand Bodies in the island, terminating in the conclusion that the Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba is the only organization, having a legitimate existence, entitled to universal recognition as the sole supreme authority over Symbolic Masonry in that island. The subject of the recognition of this organization came before this Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in June, 1877, when the committee reported that they had not sufficient evidence upon which to decide between the conflicting claims of jurisdiction, even if it was proper for them to do so; and upon their recommendation action upon the subject by this Grand Lodge was deferred. In the opinion of the undersigned the communication referred to them does not supply the evidence required to justify any change in the conclusion reached by this Grand Lodge in its previous action. After a somewhat careful examination of the claims of the several organizations asserting supreme authority over Symbolic Masonry in Cuba, your committee are of opinion that, while the so-called Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba shows a far better title than any other organization, the evidence does not warrant the conclusion that all the Lodges of the jurisdiction were duly notified of the proposed new organization, or that a majority of them consented to it. Either of these conditions failing, we should not consider the Body regularly constituted.

Furthermore your committee have grave doubts of the propriety of interfering in the affairs of foreign jurisdictions. We resent such interference when applied to ourselves. We protest, with good reason, against the unwarranted and impertinent intermeddling of the German Grand Lodges in our affairs,

as exhibited in their recognition of the so-called Prince Hall Grand Lodge.

When the Brethren in Cuba settle their little family difficulties, and agree upon an authority, which at least a majority of them can regard as their Grand Lodge, it will be time enough for other Grand Lodges to admit it to be their equal. If recognition were withheld until substantial unanimity was secured we should hear less of these unseemly quarrels among Masons.

Your committee recommend that this Grand Lodge defer action upon the recognition requested, and most earnestly and fraternally urge upon the Brethren of the Island of Cuba the cultivation of that harmony and brotherly love which may result in a union which will command the recognition and admiration of the whole Fraternity.

SERENO D. NICKERSON,
CHAS. T. GALLAGHER,
JAMES M. GLEASON,
Committee.

The Recording Grand Secretary, in the unavoidable absence of R.W. Percival L. Everett, by reason of illness, presented the following report in behalf of the committee to whom was referred the communication of Bro. H. H. Groves, in relation to his alleged unlawful expulsion from Middlesex Lodge: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMPLAINT OF BRO. H. H. GROVES *vs.* MIDDLESEX LODGE.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
BOSTON, Sept. 10, 1879.

The committee to whom was referred the complaint of Brother H. H. Groves against the action of Middlesex Lodge have attended to their duty and beg leave to report.

It appears by the records of the Lodge, that on the 14th of May, 1878, Bro. Groves was, by vote of the Lodge, suspended from membership for non-payment of dues; but as no notice was sent Bro. Groves of "the time and place when action would be taken in his case," in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Constitutions, Art. IV., Sec. 6, p. 36, the action of the Lodge was illegal, and Brother Groves is consequently a member of said Lodge in good and regular standing.

For the Committee,

PERCIVAL L. EVERETT.

The report of the committee was accepted.

R.W. Henry Endicott, for the committee to whom was referred the petition of Horatio F. Allen, for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, presented the following report: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITION OF HORATIO F. ALLEN FOR RESTORATION.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, Sept. 10, 1879.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Horatio F. Allen, for restoration to the rights and privileges of Ma-

sonry, have carefully considered the matter and recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw.

HENRY ENDICOTT,
FRED'K L. CUTTING.
Committee.

The report was accepted, and the petitioner had leave to withdraw his petition.

W. Bro. O. B. Seagrave, in behalf of the committee to whom was referred the Memorial of Bro. Henry C. Shepard and others in regard to the exclusion of their names from the Charter of Mechanics' Lodge, which was granted at the Quarterly Communication in March last, made a report recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw. After discussion, in which several Brethren participated, on motion of R.W. Henry Chickering, the report was amended by the addition to its last sentence of the following words: "These Brethren being members of other Lodges at the time the Charter was granted;" and as thus amended the report was accepted, and the petitioners had leave to withdraw.

The Grand Master announced the death of R.W. Bro. J. V. C. Smith, a distinguished physician formerly residing in the city of Boston, who had filled with signal ability many public stations, and

was conspicuous for his zeal and fidelity in the discharge of Masonic offices and duties, having, in addition to other places of Masonic trust, held in 1860, the office of Deputy Grand Master of this Grand Lodge.

R.W. William D. Coolidge, in behalf of the committee previously appointed by the Grand Master, to take suitable notice of the death of our eminent Brother, made the following report: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE DEATH OF R.W. JEROME VAN CROWNINSHIELD SMITH.

In Grand Lodge, Sept. 10, 1879.

The committee on the death of R.W. Jerome V. C. Smith ask leave to report. In the feeling of kindness and sympathy found in the bosom of sanctified affliction, our Fraternity are ever ready to render the last honors to their dead; and as on the bier of a deceased Brother they drop the emblem that reminds us of the immortality of the soul, they seek to comfort others with the same consolations with which they themselves have been comforted of God. In the fulness of years and honors our R.W. Bro. Smith departed this life at Richmond, Mass., on Wednesday, August 20th, last. He was born at Conway, N.H., in the year 1800, being at the time of his death in the eightieth year of his age. He entered Brown University, but was graduated from Williams College in 1822. He afterward received the honorary degree of M.D. from Brown University. His professional instruction was received in this city, and for many years, being about the same age, he was pro-

fessionally the friend and associate of our late Brothers Winslow Lewis, John Flint, and others.

For nearly a quarter of a century he was Port Physician of Boston, having charge of Rainsford Island Hospital, and to him have our authorities rendered the praise, so well-deserved, of having inaugurated more liberal arrangements and better facilities of every kind to alleviate the pains and lessen the dangers of the most loathsome disease to which mortal flesh is heir; for to him we are indebted for the entire revolution which has been brought about in its treatment. The improvements instituted by him will grow strong by age, and many a poor sufferer, like the writer of these memoirs, will long revere his memory and call him blessed. The many living witnesses who owe to his skill and culture the lives they enjoy in their rescue from the most terrible of all diseases, will bear their testimony that the good which an able and skilled physician is able to accomplish in half a century of practice can never be over-estimated. The literary ability of our late Brother was frequently evinced in the authorship of many valuable medical treatises, and after his return from the Holy Land he published his "Travels in Palestine." His lectures delivered before the Masons of Boston, on the scenes around Jerusalem; the stones which he brought and exhibited from the Temple of Solomon, and the minute description which he gave of the quarries from which they were raised, will long be remembered by those whose privilege it was to listen to him.

In 1854 he was elected Mayor of Boston, and held the office for two years; but was more at home in his literary and professional character than in that of a politician. Since 1860 he has resided in New York, and being so little among

us, few of the Masons of this day know much of him from personal acquaintance. In the late war he was active in the Sanitary Department, and was appointed Inspector General to consider the sanitary condition of the city of New Orleans.

Dr. J. V. C. Smith was a man of great energy and persistency of character; he was called to fill many places of trust and responsibility, and in them all was characterized by the most faithful devotion to the best interests of those who placed him in them, his highest wish being to perform faithfully and well his whole duty as a citizen of this great American Republic.

R.W. Bro. J. V. C. Smith has held various responsible offices in this Grand Lodge, and was a permanent member of it for many years; he was appointed by M.W.G. Master Randall, in 1851–2–3, D.D.G. Master of the First Masonic District, and by M.W.G. Master Lewis, Deputy Grand Master, Dec. 27, 1859. He was buried on the 22d of August last, at Pittsfield, where repose the remains of his wife. He has left an only son to mourn his loss and to reverence his memory.

Thus has ended a useful life, filled with kindness and helpfulness to his fellow-men, and the conscientious performance of duty to God, his neighbor, and himself. He has joined the goodly company of our sainted Brethren, with whom he spent so many happy years, professionally and Masonically, to be no more separated from them forever. In the beautiful language of R.W. Bro. Cheever, on a late occasion, but equally applicable here, —

"Doubt not, my Brethren, that in ampler ethers, on higher planes of activity, in wider spheres of brotherhood, his life is warmed by the breath of the Divine Spirit, to which he has returned, and brightened in the glow of the eternal love."

"Weep not then for him who, having won
The bound of our appointed years, at last,
Life's blessings all enjoyed, life's labors done,
Serenely to his final rest has passed;
While the soft memory of his virtues yet
Lingers, like twilight dews when the bright sun is set."

Therefore Resolved, That in the death of one of our permanent members, R.W. Bro. Jerome Van Crowninshield Smith, this Grand Lodge has sustained the loss of a Brother who has filled many of its most important offices with zeal and fidelity, and whose example of devotion and brotherly sympathy will have an enduring place in our hearts and memory.

Resolved, That this tribute of affectionate remembrance be entered at length on the Records of the Grand Lodge, and a copy of these proceedings, when printed, be forwarded to his son, Dr. Edward Smith, of New York City.

WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE,
JOHN A. CONKEY,
EDMUND P. KENDRICK,
Committee.

The Grand Master, to whom was referred the complaint of Howard Lodge, announced that he had taken the subject of the complaint under consideration, and would make a formal report thereon at the Annual Communication, to be held in December next.

W. Thomas W. Davis presented, in behalf of the Committee on By-Laws, the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations adopted: —

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

IN GRAND LODGE, Sept. 10, 1879.

The Committee on By-Laws respectfully recommend that the amendments submitted by the following Lodges be approved: —

MORNING STAR, Worcester.
EZEKIEL BATES, Attleboro'.
AURORA, Fitchburg.
CHICOPEE, Chicopee.
MIZPAH, Cambridge.
JOSEPH WEBB, Boston.
ROSWELL LEE, Springfield.
KONOHASSETT, Cohassett.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE, South Boston.

Also the full Code of Noquochoke Lodge. They ask for further time on the Code from Republican Lodge of Greenfield.

Fraternally submitted,

W. F. SALMON,
L. W. LOVELL,
THOS. W. DAVIS,
Committee.

R.W. Ivory H. Pope, for the Committee on Charters, presented the following report: —

REPORT ON CHARTER OF NOQUOCHOKE LODGE.

IN GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,
QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION,
September 10, 1879.

The Committee on Charters, to whom was referred the petition of "Noquochoke Lodge," located in that part of the town

of Westport called South Westport, have attended to the duty assigned them, and respectfully report, that on a careful examination they find the records of said Lodge neatly and correctly engrossed, and, evidently, a true transcript of the proceedings while under Dispensation. The returns being properly made, and the required dues having been paid to the Grand Treasurer, your committee recommend that a Charter be issued to Noquochoke Lodge in accordance with the prayer of the petitioners.

Fraternally submitted,

IVORY H. POPE,
JAS. C. TUCKER,
Committee.

The report was accepted, and its recommendation adopted.

The Grand Master exhibited an excellent photograph of Moses Michael Hays, M.W. Grand Master of this Grand Lodge in 1789–90, which was copied from a painting by Stuart, now belonging to Bro. Edmund T. D. Myers, of Richmond, Va., by whom the photographic copy was presented.

On motion of R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, it was voted that the Grand Master be requested to extend to Bro. Myers the thanks of the Grand Lodge for his very acceptable gift.

R.W. William D. Coolidge expressed his satisfaction with the action of the Lodges throughout

the jurisdiction in regard to the discharge of the debt of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master also congratulated the Brethren upon the success of the movement which had been commenced for the payment of the debt. Some had expressed an adverse opinion to the method which had been adopted for raising the funds necessary for its payment; but many of them, upon reflection and more careful examination, had become satisfied with it, and were now working with zeal and energy to carry it out.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, at thirty-seven minutes past three o'clock, P.M., with prayer by W. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain, and the singing of a hymn.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

TRACY P. CHEEVER,

Recording Grand Secretary.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS:

CHARLES A. WELCH,

MASONIC TEMPLE,

BOSTON, MASS.

RECORDING GRAND SECRETARY'S ADDRESS:

TRACY P. CHEEVER,

MASONIC TEMPLE,

BOSTON, MASS.

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OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT GLOUCESTER,

SEPTEMBER 11, A.L. 5879.

DEDICATION OF THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MONUMENT.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS was held in the city of Gloucester, on Thursday, the eleventh day of September, A.D. 1879, A.L. 5879.

The Grand Lodge was opened in an apartment of the Ocean House, in DUE FORM, by the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, at five minutes past one o'clock, P.M.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master was absent.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR. .	Deputy Grand Master.
" WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . . .	Special Deputy Grand Master.
" SOLON W. STEVENS	Senior Grand Warden.
" HENRY G. FAY	Junior Grand Warden.

R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN . . . *as* Grand Treasurer.
" TRACY P. CHEEVER . . . . Recording Grand Secretary.
REV. BRO. OLIVER A. ROBERTS . *as* Grand Chaplain.
W. F. LYMAN WINSHIP . . . . . Grand Marshal.
" WILLIAM BABSON . . . . . *as* Senior Grand Deacon.
BRO. AARON W. BRAY . . . . *as* Junior Grand Deacon.
" FRANK E. JONES . . . . . Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBER PRESENT.

R.W. WILLIAM SUTTON . . . . . Past Grand Warden.

The purpose of this Special Communication was announced to be the dedication by the officers of the Grand Lodge, through the invitation of Tyrian Lodge of Gloucester, of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, recently erected in that city. At fifteen minutes past one o'clock, P.M., a procession was formed, which was escorted by several military companies, and was composed of various civic associations, including the Mayor and other municipal officers, and embracing the following Masonic Bodies, viz.: Tyrian Lodge, W. Charles H. Boynton, Master; Acacia Lodge, W. Charles H. Wonson, Master; William Ferson, R.A. Chapter, Comp. Robert R. Fears, M.E.H. Priest, together with officers and many members of Washington R.A. Chapter of Salem. The officers of the Grand Lodge moved in the procession under the immediate escort of the Masonic Bodies, and upon ar-

riving at the City Hall grounds, after a pleasant march through various streets, occupied eligible seats upon the platform. After the introductory exercises had taken place, the chairman of the Monumental Committee, Fitz J. Babson, Esq., in appropriate terms requested the R.W. Deputy Grand Master to dedicate the monument in accordance with the usages and formalities of the Institution.

The R.W. Deputy Grand Master, with the assistance of the Grand Officers, then proceeded to dedicate the structure in conformity with the provisions of the ritual applicable to this service. After the ceremony of dedication, the W. Grand Marshal made the following proclamation: —

In the name of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts I now proclaim, that this monument, erected as a memorial of our patriotic dead, has been found square, level and plumb, true and trusty, and has this day been dedicated according to the ancient forms and ceremonies of Masonry. This proclamation is made from the EAST, the WEST, the SOUTH. ONCE (Trumpet), TWICE (Trumpet twice), THRICE (Trumpet thrice). All interested will take due notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

The R.W. Deputy Grand Master then made the following address: —

ADDRESS OF R.W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

In compliance with official request the society of Free and Accepted Masons, represented by the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth, is present to participate in and, if possible, to heighten the impressive services of this commemoration. In all that strengthens virtue, enlarges charity, and inspires patriotism, this Fraternity has a deep and strong interest. It is here to-day, not simply to see and to be seen, but to express its joy at the erection of this granite shaft, to praise the valor, and bow before the sacrifice which it commemorates.

Our Institution desires to exalt the love and defence of home and of native land, and to officially and publicly endorse such memorials as stimulate public spirit, make heroes immortal, and teach the passers-by what liberty has cost.

We congratulate the Grand Army of the Republic upon the completion of this appropriate and beautiful monument, and this municipality upon the possession of so fine a work, so great a treasure, so constant and truthful a teacher. In the coming years it will stand, giving out its lessons and impressing its truths upon innumerable minds.

Its lesson is devotion. How devoted to country and liberty were parents, wives, and sisters who gave to them their sons, husbands, and brothers! How devoted the comrades in arms who were joined in battle line! How devoted the living army, which keeps the memories of its dead ever green, and erects such memorials to perpetuate their heroic deeds! Let devotion burn. Gather around this altar in memory of the sublime fidelity of the Federal Army. Let us vow a more steadfast purpose in all that is true, self-denying, and patriotic.

The lesson of this monument is fortitude. What defeat crushed the patriotism of our soldiers? What disaster appalled them? Over hill-top, valley, and plain they came, without thought of honor or hope of glory, stepping into the bloody tracks of brave men, filling up decimated ranks, brave in hunger and watching, in battle and in pain.

Will not this structure impress upon the rising generations of this city the lesson that patriotism is a principal virtue? Our comrades, whose memory it perpetuates, were true patriots. The flag was the symbol of the government, of its glorious record and of its hope. That flag they followed in sunshine and in storm, held it aloft 'mid shot and shell, and bore it victorious throughout all the land. Tired and hungry, wounded and bleeding, pulseless and dying, still these devoted men clung to their flag, the symbol of their country's protection and power.

This monument is also the symbol of sacrifice. How can those who come after us fail to remember that this column stands as an exponent of the sacrifice which Gloucester made to perpetuate our liberty? She offered husbands, fathers, sons, on sea and land, in behalf of the nation. Was wealth expended, were mills stopped, were fields uncultivated, and vessels idle? Yet as nought were all these, compared with the sacrifice of comfort, hope, love, and life, which the soldiery and their families endured with wonderful patience and unexampled heroism.

Masonry teaches that integrity is worthy of costliest sacrifice; devotion, fortitude, and loyalty are heroic qualities not unknown in the Masonic ritual and the practice of our Brotherhood.

We have gathered to dedicate this monument by setting it apart as a perpetual memorial of the heroic dead of your city. Upon this altar the Institution I have the pleasure to represent

would place its choicest garlands of gratitude and honor. With the pomp of ancient rite and ceremony, it bestows upon this material symbol of devotion, fortitude, and patriotic sacrifice, its consecration and benediction.

May this shaft, harmed by no bolt of heaven, injured by no quaking earth, endure while the generations shall come and go. May it stand a perpetual memorial of the brave men of Gloucester, and incite our successors to imitate their heroic virtues.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies the Grand Officers repaired to the Ocean House, and, after a generous and hospitable entertainment by the Brethren of Gloucester, the Grand Lodge was closed in the apartment in which it was opened, in DUE FORM, at twenty minutes past five o'clock, P.M.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

TRACY P. CHEEVER,

Recording Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION AT NEW BEDFORD.

CONSTITUTION OF NOQUOCHOKE LODGE, OF WESTPORT,

OCTOBER 17, A. L. 5879.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held in the City of New Bedford, on Friday, the seventeenth day of October, A.L. 5879, A.D. 1879, for the purpose of constituting Noquochoke Lodge and installing its officers.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. CHARLES ALFRED WELCH . .	Grand Master.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	Deputy Grand Master.
" SOLON W. STEVENS	Senior Grand Warden.
" LUCIUS W. LOVELL . . .	*as* Junior Grand Warden.
" SAMUEL P. OLIVER . . .	*as* Grand Treasurer.
" SERENO D. NICKERSON . .	*as* Recording Grand Secretary.
REV. BRO. OLIVER A. ROBERTS .	*as* Grand Chaplain.
W. F. LYMAN WINSHIP	Grand Marshal.
R.W. A. H. W. CARPENTER . . .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 14.
" GEORGE H. TABER . . .	*as* Senior Grand Deacon.
" JOHN A. LEE	*as* Junior Grand Deacon.
W. HENRY J. PARKER	*as* Grand Stewards.
" H. N. FISHER	
BRO. FRANK E. JONES	Grand Tyler.
W. EZEKIEL C. GARDNER	Master Star in the East Lodge.
BRO. ANTHONY D. HALL	S.W. " " " " "
" THEODORE W. COLE	J.W. " " " " "

W. William T. Soule, ...	Master Eureka Lodge.
Bro. Frederick W. Mosher . .	S.W. " "
W. James A. Lewis	Master Concordia Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, at 8.30, P.M., in the Council Chamber of the Masonic Apartments of New Bedford. R.W. Bro. Cheever being absent by reason of sickness, the M.W. Grand Master was pleased to appoint R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson Recording Grand Secretary for this Communication, and duly administered to him the official obligation.

The Brethren of the new Lodge being assembled in the Masonic Hall, together with a large number of Brethren from New Bedford and vicinity, the Grand Lodge was conducted there, and Noquochoke Lodge was solemnly constituted in Ample Form. The Brethren appointed to office in the new Lodge were then duly installed; the charge to the Master being delivered by the M.W. Grand Master, to the Wardens by the R.W. Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively, and to the other officers by the R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

The organization is as follows: —

Laurance S. Smith	W. Master.
Theodore J. Tripp	Senior Warden.
Cortez Allen	Junior Warden

ZELOTES L. ALMY	Treasurer.
STEPHEN A. BROWNELL	Secretary.
JOHN B. PARRIS	Chaplain.
CHARLES H. BROWNELL	Marshal.
ALBERT M. ALLEN	Senior Deacon.
GEORGE POTTER	Junior Deacon.
JAMES E. ALLEN	Senior Steward.
WILLIAM C. BROWNELL	Junior Steward.
JAMES ALLEN, 2D	Inside Sentinel.

The ceremonies of constitution and installation being concluded, M.W. Grand Master delivered an instructive and impressive charge to the Brethren of the new Lodge, forcibly reminding them of their duties and responsibilities to the Fraternity, and replete with good advice for the conduct of their new enterprise.

The Grand Master having concluded his address, R.W. Bro. George H. Taber produced an elegantly bound copy of the Holy Scriptures, which he requested the acting Grand Chaplain to present to Noquochoke Lodge in behalf of the Brethren of Star in the East Lodge, of New Bedford. Rev. Bro. Roberts discharged the duty in most kindly and appropriate language, to which W. Bro. Smith, in behalf of his Lodge, made a suitable reply. These pleasing and interesting ceremonies being finished, the Grand Lodge returned to the place of opening, and was closed

in AMPLE FORM, at twenty minutes past ten o'clock, P.M.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

SERENO D. NICKERSON,

Recording Grand Secretary pro tempore.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

DECEMBER 10, A.L. 5879.

THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Wednesday, the tenth day of December, A.L. 5879, A.D. 1879.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W.	CHARLES ALFRED WELCH	Grand Master.
R.W.	ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	Deputy Grand Master.
"	SOLON W. STEVENS	Senior Grand Warden.
"	HENRY G. FAY	Junior Grand Warden.
"	SAMUEL WELLS	Grand Treasurer.
"	TRACY P. CHEEVER	Recording Grand Secretary.
"	GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
"	ALBERT L. RICHARDSON	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 1.
"	JONATHAN BIGELOW	" " " " 2.
"	WILLIAM H. WEST	" " " " 3.
"	GEORGE J. TOWNSEND, M.D.	" " " " 4.
"	JOHN B. HILL	" " " " 5.
"	THOMAS LEYLAND	" " " " 6.
"	DANIEL B. INGALLS	" " " " 7.
"	HENRY M. HUMPHREY	" " " " 8.
"	WILLIAM H. MURRAY	" " " " 9.
"	WILLIAM C. ROBINSON	" " " " 10.
"	CHARLES W. MOODY	" " " " 11.
"	WILLIAM H. PHIPPS	" " " " 12.
"	FREDERICK D. ELY	" " " " 13.
"	A. H. W. CARPENTER	" " " " 14.

R.W. Russell Matthews	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 15.
" Leavitt Bates	" " " " 16.
" A. E. Scott	" " " " 17.
" Frank Morton	" " " " 19.
W. Rev. Joshua Young	Grand Chaplain.
" F. Lyman Winship	Grand Marshal.
" Thomas Waterman, M.D.	Grand Lecturers.
" Charles M. Avery	Grand Lecturers.
" J. Francis Lotts	Grand Lecturers.
" Marlborough Williams	Senior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas W. Davis	Junior Grand Deacon.
" Nathaniel Greene, M.D.	Junior Grand Stewards.
Bro. H. N. Fisher	Junior Grand Stewards.
W. Z. L. Bicknell	Grand Standard-Bearer.
" Otis E. Weld	Grand Pursuivants.
" Henry J. Parker	Grand Pursuivants.
Bro. Frank E. Jones	Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. John T. Heard	Past Grand Master.
" William D. Coolidge	" " "
" William Parkman	" " "
" Charles C. Dame	" " "
" Sereno D. Nickerson	" " "
" Percival L. Everett	" " "
" Lucius R. Paige, D.D.	Past Deputy Grand Master.
" G. Washington Warren	" " " "
" Bradford L. Wales	Past Grand Warden.
" Henry Goddard	" " "
" Joel Spaulding, M.D.	" " "
" Henry Chickering	" " "
" William W. Baker	" " "
" William Sutton	" " "
" Samuel P. Oliver	" " "
" William F. Salmon	" " "
" Samuel C. Lawrence	" " "
" David W. Crafts	" " "
" Daniel W. Lawrence	" " "
" William H. Chessman	" " "

R.W.	Wyzeman Marshall	Past Grand Warden.
"	Ivory A. Pope	" " "
"	E. Waters Burr	" " "
"	Joseph K. Baker	" " "
"	Lucius W. Lovell	" " "
"	Daniel Upton	" " "
"	Irving B. Sayles	" " "

LODGES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.

Aberdour	Charles Harris	Master.
Adelphi	William Park, Jr.	Master.
	C. J. Noyes	Senior Warden.
Alfred Baylies	H. H. Hall	Master.
Alpha	Charles F. Cutler	Master.
	L. M. Butler	Senior Warden.
	H. L. Sawtell	Junior Warden.
Amicable	Wm. L. Lathrop	Master.
Amity	A. F. Welsh	Master.
Ancient Landmark	Wm. F. Salmon	Proxy.
Ancient York	Hamilton Burrage	Master.
Artisan	D. H. Barnes	Master.
	E. G. Fuller	Senior Warden.
Ashler	Jason L. Curtis	Master.
Athelstan	Henry Goddard	Master.
Athol	J. H. Haskins	Master.
	Enoch T. Lewis	Junior Warden.
Aurora	C. L. Sands	Proxy.
Baalbec	Andrew P. Fisher	Master.
Belcher	A. Longeway	Junior Warden.
Belmont	W. M. Nassau	Master.
	W. Munroe	Senior Warden.
Bethany	R. N. Sargent	Senior Warden.
	Heman W. Kelly	Junior Warden.
	W. F. Ward	Proxy.
Bethesda (Brighton)	J. N. Farmer	Junior Warden.
Bethoron	R. G. F. Candage	Master.
Blackstone River	J. Gatchell	Master.
	W. H. Howkins	Junior Warden
Bristol	E. R. Price	Master.

Caleb Butler . . .	H. Boynton	Master.
Charles A. Welch .	John Hillis	Senior Warden.
Charles H. Titus .	Wm. O. Snow . . .	Master.
	Chas. H. Titus . . .	Senior Warden.
	C. H. Sherman . . .	Junior Warden.
Charles River . .	Geo. H. Daniels . . .	Master.
Chicopee	A. O. Kinney . . .	Master.
	S. L. Scribner . . .	Senior Warden.
	H. N. Rice	Junior Warden.
Cochichewick . . .	T. K. Gilman . . .	Master.
Columbian	Fred. Alford	Master.
Concordia	Edwin Stowell . . .	Senior Warden.
Constellation . . .	C. C. Nichols . . .	Master.
Corinthian	Charles E. Brown . .	Master.
	Edward G. Reynolds .	Senior Warden.
	Thomas Todd . . .	Junior Warden.
Crescent	W. E. Vermyle . . .	Master.
	Henry Chickering . .	Proxy.
Day Spring	A. A. Gage	Master.
Delta	John E. Hunt . . .	Senior Warden.
	Edgar G. Porter . .	Junior Warden.
De Witt Clinton . .	F. W. Holway . . .	Senior Warden.
	Reuben P. Collins .	Junior Warden.
Doric	Lyman Morse . . .	Master.
	P. E. Millay	Senior Warden.
Eleusis	J. M. Rodocanachi . .	Master.
	S. A. Bigelow . . .	Senior Warden.
Eliot	Daniel H. Barnard . .	Senior Warden.
	W. J. Hargraves . .	Junior Warden.
Eureka	Wm. T. Soule . . .	Master.
	F. W. Mosher . . .	Senior Warden.
	Edward Dent . . .	Junior Warden.
Excelsior	J. W. Partridge . . .	Master.
Ezekiel Bates . .	H. N. Mason . . .	Master.
	Benj. P. King . . .	Senior Warden.
	W. J. Thompson . .	Junior Warden.
Fellowship	Edward Sawyer . .	Master.
Gate of the Temple	Joseph R. Gross . .	Master.
	S. M. Bedlington . .	Senior Warden.
Germania	H. T. Ehlert . . .	Master.

GRECIAN	J. Wilbur Stott	Senior Warden.
	L. D. Sargent	Junior Warden.
GREYLOCK	H. D. Ward	Master.
HAMMATT	James Frame	Senior Warden.
	Clement Gleason	Junior Warden.
HAMPDEN	Edmund P. Kendrick	Master.
HIRAM	John H. Hardy	Master.
	G. W. Storer	Junior Warden.
HOPE	Marcus H. Howe	Master.
	C. N. Edgell	Senior Warden.
HUELEN	Warren B. Ellis	Proxy.
HYDE PARK	Chas. H. Colby	Master.
	John F. Ross	Senior Warden.
IONIC (Taunton)	Jason H. Hayward	Master.
	Lloyd Everett White	Junior Warden.
IONIC (Easthampton)	L. M. Preston	Junior Warden.
JAMES OTIS	E. G. Hinckley	Proxy.
JERUSALEM	J. A. Sullivan	Senior Warden.
JOHN ABBOT	Robert Laycock	Senior Warden.
JOHN CUTLER	J. F. French	Master.
JOHN HANCOCK	E. F. Johnson	Senior Warden.
JOHN T. HEARD	Nathaniel Shatswell	Master.
	Henry P. Willcomb	Senior Warden.
	G. W. Sisson	Junior Warden.
	Andrew Geyer	Proxy.
JOHN WARREN	Ambrose Woolson	Senior Warden.
JORDAN	George H. Davis	Junior Warden.
JOSEPH WARREN	James M. Gleason	Master.
	Leon M. Averill	Junior Warden.
JOSEPH WEBB	Albro A. Osgood	Senior Warden.
KILWINNING	E. H. Lord	Senior Warden.
KING CYRUS	W. F. Walker	Master.
	J. C. Chase	Senior Warden.
KING DAVID	George F. Soule	Master.
	Lorenzo Luce	Senior Warden.
	Marcus A. Day	Junior Warden.
KING HIRAM	Fred. E. H. Gifford	Senior Warden.
KING PHILIP	J. L. Buffington	Master.
KING SOLOMON	A. C. Hall	Master.
	G. M. Bowditch	Junior Warden.

KONOHASSETT . . .	James H. Bouvé . .	Proxy.
LAFAYETTE (Boston Highlands) . . .	William G. Fish . .	Master.
	Franklin Burr . . .	Senior Warden.
LIBERTY	William R. Driver . .	Master.
MARINE	W. H. Hewins . . .	Master.
	George W. Fish. . .	Junior Warden.
MASSACHUSETTS . .	Edwin Wright . . .	Master.
MERIDIAN.	S. H. Bent	Master.
MERRIMACK	Dana J. Flanders . .	Senior Warden.
MONITOR	N. Warren	Senior Warden.
	R. G. Brown	Junior Warden.
MORNING STAR . . .	H. A. Southwick . .	Master.
	E. E. Balcom . . .	Senior Warden.
	G. S. Hale	Junior Warden.
MORNING SUN . . .	A. M. Cook	Master.
	G. E. Fairbanks . .	Junior Warden.
MONTACUTE	Jeremiah Swasey . .	Master.
	Thomas Talbot . . .	Senior Warden.
MONTGOMERY . . .	S. A. Eastman . . .	Master.
MOSAIC	S. S. Sawyer. . . .	Master.
MOUNT CARMEL . .	Charles C. Fay . . .	Proxy.
MOUNT HERMON . .	J. F. Hannah . . .	Junior Warden.
MOUNT HOLLIS . . .	George M. French . .	Master.
	J. D. Perkins . . .	Junior Warden.
MOUNT HOPE . . .	A. G. Hart	Proxy.
MOUNT HOREB (West Harwich	Erastus Chase . . .	Senior Warden.
MOUNT LEBANON . .	Charles J. Miller . .	Master.
	Ariel C. Wall . . .	Junior Warden.
MOUNT MORIAH . .	J. A. Lakin	Master.
MOUNT OLIVET . . .	M. J. Farrell. . . .	Master.
	J. L. Buffum. . . .	Senior Warden.
MOUNT TABOR . . .	Charles G. Brooks . .	Master.
MOUNT VERNON . .	William F. Chester .	Master.
	H. Kemble Oliver . .	Junior Warden.
MOUNT ZION. . . .	W. H. Osgood . . .	Master.
MUMFORD RIVER . .	A. J. Thayer. . . .	Master.
MYSTIC	George C. Hall . . .	Senior Warden.
NARRAGANSETT. . .	Charles F. Tripp . .	Master.

NORFOLK	Edgar H. Bowers	Master.
NORFOLK UNION	John B. Thayer	Proxy.
OLD COLONY	Charles F. Burr	Master.
OLIVE BRANCH	George J. Dudley	Master.
	O. N. Carpenter	Senior Warden.
	T. A. M. Bennett	Junior Warden.
ORANGE	A. L. Shattuck	Master.
ORIENT	Walter C. Shapleigh	Master.
	Albert G. Webb	Senior Warden.
ORPHANS' HOPE	T. H. Humphrey	Master.
OXFORD	L. H. Cudworth	Master.
PALESTINE	C. Corey	Master.
	Nathan Nichols	Senior Warden.
PAUL DEAN	J. D. Atwood	Master.
	J. H. Swain	Proxy.
PAUL REVERE	F. L. Trow	Master.
PENTUCKET	Benjamin C. Dean	Master.
	George F. Morgan	Senior Warden.
	William D. Brown	Junior Warden.
PEQUOSETTE	Waldo A. Learned	Junior Warden.
PHŒNICIAN	William H. Barrell	Master.
	William D. Lamb	Senior Warden.
PHŒNIX	R. C. Waterman	Master.
PIONEER	Edward A. Courtney	Master.
PLYMOUTH	Charles I. Litchfield	Master.
PURITAN	A. C. Brigham	Junior Warden.
QUINSIGAMOND	Theodore C. Bates	Senior Warden.
	Horace Blaney	Junior Warden.
RABBONI	Jerome Smyth	Master.
	C. H. Mayo	Junior Warden.
REPUBLICAN	James R. Long	Master.
REVERE	Frank T. Dwinell	Master.
	Zaccheus Holmes	Junior Warden.
RISING STAR	J. H. May	Master.
ROBERT LASH	R. F. Means	Master.
	J. H. Cunningham	Senior Warden.
	John Strahan	Junior Warden.
ROSWELL LEE	A. F. Ball	Master.
SAINT ALBAN'S	Isaac P. Carpenter	Proxy.
SAINT GEORGE	William Richards	Master.

SAINT GEORGE . . .	H. A. Monks	Senior Warden.
SAINT JOHN'S (Boston),	M. A. Munroe . . .	Master.
	Sam'l W. Clifford, Jr. .	Senior Warden.
SAINT MARK'S . . .	George W. Creasey .	Master.
	O. C. Lougee . . .	Senior Warden.
SAINT PAUL	Rector T. Bartlett . .	Master.
	E. Dana Bancroft . .	Proxy.
SAINT PAUL'S . . .	Charles T. Gallagher .	Master.
	Charles J. Vaughn . .	Junior Warden.
SILOAM	George L. Smith . .	Master.
SIMON W. ROBINSON .	Everett S. Locke . .	Master.
	Quincy Bicknell, Jr. .	Junior Warden.
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE .	O. B. Seagrave . . .	Master.
STAR	George F. Lord . . .	Senior Warden.
	G. W. Bishop . . .	Junior Warden.
STAR IN THE EAST . .	E. C. Gardiner . . .	Master.
	T. W. Cole	Junior Warden.
STARR KING	A. B. Russell . . .	Master.
TEMPLE	T. A. Hutchins . . .	Master.
TRINITY	Henry McGown . . .	Master.
	Nathan Walker . . .	Junior Warden.
TUSCAN	A. D. Elliot	Master.
	J. S. Worcester . . .	Senior Warden.
	N. H. Morrill . . .	Junior Warden.
TYRIAN	William Babson . .	Master.
UNION (Dorchester) .	Otis Eddy	Master.
UNION (Nantucket) .	Joseph S. Barney . .	Proxy.
UNITED BRETHREN .	George H. Whitney .	Master.
VERNON	William H. Bridgman .	Master.
WASHINGTON . . .	B. F. Ayers	Master.
	John Carr	Senior Warden.
	L. B. Dutton	Junior Warden.
WEBSTER	E. P. Morton . . .	Master.
WILDER	Thomas J. Ames . .	Junior Warden.
WILLIAM NORTH . .	Elisha H. Shaw . . .	Master.
WILLIAM PARKMAN .	Thomas S. Spurr . .	Master.
	N. F. Marble . . .	Senior Warden.
	George S. Littlefield .	Junior Warden.
WILLIAM SUTTON . .	George C. Stewart . .	Master.
	J. B. Oliver	Senior Warden.

WILLIAM SUTTON . .	C. H. Sweetser . . .	Junior Warden.
	Albert H. Sweetser .	Proxy.
WINSLOW LEWIS . .	J. A. Conkey . . .	Master.
	G. B. Macomber . .	Senior Warden.
ZETLAND	E. H. Barton	Master.
	Cortez Allen	Junior Warden.
NOQUOCHOKE . . .	L. L. Smith	Master.
	Cortez Allen	Junior Warden.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM, at 2 o'clock, P.M., with prayer by W. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain, and singing.

The record of the Quarterly Communication of Sept. 10, 1879, was approved without reading, as it had been distributed among the members in printed form.

The records of the Special Communication at Gloucester, Sept. 11, 1879, and of the Special Communication at New Bedford, Oct., 1879, were read and approved.

Letters of proxy from the following Lodges were presented, and the Brethren named therein were recognized accordingly: —

BERKSHIRE LODGE, South Adams, in favor of R.W. DANIEL UPTON.

BETHANY LODGE, Merrimac, in favor of Bro. W. F. WARD.

NARRAGANSETT LODGE, Fall River, in favor of W. DANIEL STEVENS.

HUELEN LODGE, Chili, S.A., in favor of W. WARREN B. ELLIS.

AURORA LODGE, Fitchburg, in favor of Bro. CHARLES L. SANDS.

JERUSALEM LODGE, Northampton, in favor of R.W. WM. C. ROBINSON.

By-Laws were presented for approval from the following Lodges, and referred to the Committee on By-Laws: —

FULL CODES.

ARTISAN, Winchendon.
CORNER STONE, Duxbury.
ST. ALBAN'S, Foxborough.
ST. PAUL'S, South Boston.

AMENDMENTS.

AMICABLE, Cambridgeport.
CHAS. W. MOORE, Fitchburg.
HAMPSHIRE, Haydenville.
HARMONY, Northfield.
HYDE PARK, Hyde Park.
MIZPAH, Cambridgeport.
NORFOLK, Needham.
PEQUOSSETTE, Watertown.
REVERE, Boston.

The Grand Master read his Annual Report.

ANNUAL ADDRESS OF THE GRAND MASTER.

BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE: — At the Communication held in March, 1866, it was voted, that the Grand Master be instructed to make a detailed report of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge in his Annual Address, and the distinguished Brother, who was then your Grand Master, submitted his report at the Annual Communication, held early in December, instead of at the Stated Communication on St. John's day, as had been usual, giving as his reason that the attendance was much larger at the day when the officers were elected than at the Installation Festival. Since that time the precedent, for which such good reason existed, has been followed, and the address of the Grand Master has been very properly made not only a report of the financial condition of the

Grand Lodge, but an account of some of his more important labors during the year, and of such other Masonic matters as seemed to him proper to be brought to the attention of the Craft. On this one hundred and forty-sixth anniversary of the Grand Lodge, I follow, as well as I can, in the footprints which my predecessors have left behind them.

We have lost by death during the year only two of our permanent members. R.W. Bro. Charles Kimball, of Lowell, Senior Warden of this Grand Lodge, in 1871 to 1872, died March 6, 1879, at the age of sixty-eight, and as the committee, who prepared the resolutions relative to his death, very truly stated, after a life of activity and usefulness, characterized by fidelity and zeal in whatever position he occupied. His Brethren in Lowell, and those of the Fraternity elsewhere, who knew him, will not soon forget their kind and courteous Brother.

R.W. Jerome V. C. Smith, D.D. Grand Master of the First Masonic District in 1851, 1852, and 1853, and Deputy Grand Master for one year, from December 27, 1859, died at Richmond, Mass., August 20th last, aged seventy-nine. He was a graduate of Williams College, and received his degree of M.D. from Brown University. For many years he was port physician of Boston; and while serving in that capacity, and in charge of Rainsford Island Hospital, introduced important and valuable changes in the treatment of small-pox patients, which he carried out with skill and characteristic energy. He was also the author of various medical treatises; and, having travelled in the East, published his "Travels in Palestine," and delivered very interesting lectures before members of our Fraternity, on what he had seen and examined in and about

Jerusalem, having a special relation to Masonic traditions. His election to the office of Mayor of Boston, in 1854, an office which he held two years, was a grateful acknowledgment by his fellow-citizens of the services he had rendered them. The committee, who reported resolutions relative to his death, at our last Quarterly Communication, have so carefully described his Masonic life, and portrayed his character, that I need only refer you to their report.

I received, last month, a communication from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, announcing the death of their beloved Grand Master, Israel M. Bullock. He died on the 21st day of October last, after a protracted illness, having held the position of Grand Master only a few months; and the announcement of his death stated that he was not only a great loss to the Craft in Connecticut, and the Grand Lodge over which he presided, but to the community in which he lived, and of which he was a highly honored citizen. We sincerely sympathize with our Brethren in the affliction which has befallen them.

A letter was received some time since from the Grand Orient of Portugal, with sentiments expressive of the friendship and fraternal feelings entertained by that Masonic Body towards this Grand Lodge, and asking it to appoint some Brother as its representative to the Grand Orient of Portugal, and to designate some Brother here as the representative of the Grand Orient with us. I replied to this letter, reciprocating, most cordially, the fraternal sentiments expressed by the distinguished Brother at the head of the Grand Orient, and informed him that while this Grand Lodge would take every opportunity of strengthening the ties uniting the Masonic Fraternity throughout the world, it had not adopted the policy of appoint-

ing representatives to other Masonic bodies, or receiving representatives from them. To a communication from one of the Grand Lodges of the United States, making a similar request, I returned a similar answer.

In compliance with your vote passed at the Quarterly Communication of March 10th last, I acknowledged, in your behalf, the receipt of the beautiful photographic likeness of R.W. Bro. Michael M. Hayes, Grand Master from 1788 to 1791, and thanked Brother Myers, of Virginia, for his acceptable present.

The views which were expressed in my last annual address as to the importance of rarely granting dispensations for the degrees within the time limited by the Constitutions, and the extreme caution which should be exercised by the Lodges in regard to their jurisdictional rights, need not again be urged upon your consideration. My views also remain unchanged as to the importance of avoiding, as far as possible, detailed reports of Masonic proceedings in newspapers and periodicals other than Masonic; in fact, they have been strengthened by farther reflection, but I have nothing further to add to what was then said. As some confusion, however, has arisen from a change of policy by the Grand Lodge, in regard to one jurisdictional matter, and the Masonic law affecting certain of the Lodges seems not to be well understood, I will endeavor briefly to state the history of the legislation, and its result. The territorial limits of Boston and other places having been changed from time to time by the Legislature of the Commonwealth, by the extension of the limits of Boston, the formation of new towns elsewhere, and in other ways, the Grand Lodge acted upon individual cases, generally, if not always, endeavor-

ing to make the territorial jurisdiction of the Lodges accord with the changes made by the Legislature. It finally found itself embarrassed by the precedents established by its own decisions. At the Quarterly Communication in June, 1872, a committee was appointed to consider "the whole subject of limiting the jurisdiction of Lodges to the territory originally given them by their charters." Two of that committee made a full report in December, 1872, and recommended certain resolutions and an amendment to the Constitution. The amendment and resolutions, if passed, would have deprived some Lodges of jurisdictional privileges, already formally given to them, or acknowledged by the Grand Lodge to be theirs. The subject was referred to another committee; and this latter committee, at the Communication of March, 1873, recommended that the amendment proposed by the former committee pass with the word "hereafter" prefixed to it, and that the resolutions, which affected the jurisdictional privileges, already granted or acknowledged to belong to certain Lodges, should not pass. The amendment recommended by this latter committee was adopted, and read thus: "*Hereafter* no changes by the Legislature of the Commonwealth of Municipal Corporations, or boundaries of the territories thereof, shall be held to affect in any way the jurisdiction of Lodges. Lodges located by their charters in particular sections of municipalities shall have the same jurisdiction therein as if said sections were entire municipalities, and where the boundaries of such sections are uncertain, they may be determined by the Grand Master for the time being." The consideration of the resolutions, proposed by the first committee or its majority, and which affected Lodges the jurisdictional limits of which were already fixed

by the Grand Lodge, was deferred to the Quarterly Communication in June, and the resolution was then laid on the table, and thus died a natural death. The result is, that while the Lodges then existing in Boston proper, Boston Highlands, and Dorchester, have concurrent jurisdiction over the whole territory at that time comprehended in the City of Boston, the Lodges in East Boston and South Boston are located by their charters in those respective districts, and no subsequent annexation of territory to the city has affected or will affect the jurisdiction of these Lodges. Lodges constituted subsequently to the Communication of March, 1873, will be restricted, by the Constitutions, to the territory named in their respective charters. The same principle is applicable where the territorial limits of other towns or cities in the Commonwealth have been changed by the Legislature. The Grand Lodge has declared that it alone can add to or take away from the jurisdictional limits granted to any Lodge by its charter. When the late edition of the Constitutions was printed, it was probably thought unnecessary, by those having it in charge, to retain the word "hereafter." There was no intention to alter the effect of the Constitutional provision.

Among the official directions given by one of my predecessors was one, directing that no person should be admitted into a Lodge who was not properly known to be a Mason in good regular standing, unless he was vouched for by some well-known Brother, or produced the certificate of some Grand Lodge, and passed a strict examination. This regulation, which requires both an examination and a *certificate*, is dated Feb. 8, 1872, was reported to the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in March, 1872, in an address made by the

Grand Master, and has never been rescinded. I have reason to believe that some Masters of Lodges, not being aware of this regulation, have not always conformed to it; and your attention is therefore called to it, and you are desired to enforce it strictly. Complaints have sometimes been made to me by Masons from other jurisdictions that they were excluded from our Lodges, and the privileges of Masonry, by this rule; but it is no good reason for the non-enforcement of a regulation or for its rescission that it sometimes operates with hardship upon individuals; all rules do so at times; the general good is the matter to be considered and legislated for; and in these days, when impostors abound, and it is not impossible for them to acquire a sufficient knowledge to enable them to pass an examination, the written certificate is perhaps a better, certainly as good a safeguard as the examination. Both together, with the visitors' book added, should be used to keep off the cowan and eavesdropper. If a Mason from another State or country comes here to remain any length of time, and cannot, for satisfactory reasons, procure a certificate or diploma, application should be made to the Grand Master, who will, when in his power, satisfy himself as to the Masonic character of the applicant, and, if on examination the case requires it, provide a remedy.

There has been, within a month past, in Boston and its vicinity, a person named C. C. Burt, hailing from Jackson, Michigan, who has advertised that he will confer upon applicants degrees of the Egyptian rite, so called. Neither this Grand Lodge nor its Grand Master have any authority over or official concern with any degrees except the three degrees of symbolic Masonry; but it seems to me proper when I see any

imposition attempted upon the Brethren to warn them of it. I find that in the address of the late Grand Master of Michigan, delivered at a Communication held January 28, 1879, this person is spoken of in a by no means complimentary manner. It is stated that he was expelled from Masonry by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey by a unanimous vote; that the resolution was afterwards rescinded on account of a technical informality; that the original charges were then still pending against him; that he had been expelled from a Lodge in Jackson, Michigan, the place of his present residence, for the alleged crime of perjury, and that the case was then on appeal before the Grand Lodge of Michigan. What may have taken place since I do not know. He called upon me, and at his solicitation I fixed a time for meeting him and hearing his defence of himself and his rites; but owing to being detained in professional duties I was obliged to request the Grand Secretary to meet him. The Grand Secretary patiently heard all he had to say, and on a subsequent consultation between us we were satisfied that he had no right whatever to confer these rites of Egypt, so called. Finding that he was of the legal profession, and having heard from respectable parties here that he did not bear a good character in that profession, I afterwards wrote confidentially to a gentleman of the first eminence in Michigan, inquiring into his character as a man; and the reply was: "I have a very slight acquaintance with Mr. Burt; but his reputation for integrity is anything but good." In conclusion I will only add that if the Brethren desire to overlay their Blue Lodge Masonry with all the orders in existence — and many of these orders are no doubt worthy of great respect — they had better apply to those who have legal authority to confer them, and whose character as

honest men will give some assurance that what they profess to impart has value.

There are so many secret organizations, some of them professing to be more or less connected with Masonry, although not so in reality, that it seems desirable that our Lodge rooms should, where the pecuniary condition of the Lodge will permit, be solely devoted to Masonic purposes; otherwise I fear that jealousies may arise and dissension take the place of harmony. The masters and officers of Lodges have at times consulted me on this subject, and this has been my advice; but I have also added that, if their means would not permit them to adopt this course, they might very properly lessen their expenses by occupying their apartments in connection with other associations. The great majority of the Lodges use their apartments for Masonic purposes only, and I am gratified to think that the opinion of nearly all of the Brethren, with whom I have conversed on the subject, agrees with mine, that this manner of using them is far the best.

On examination quite lately of the Records of the Grand Lodge in the Grand Secretary's office I found that the only persons allowed by its vote to consult the standard authority for the work, which as you know is placed in the charge of the Grand Master, are the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Lecturers, and the Acting Masters of Lodges. Although by some error the abstract of the records as printed varies somewhat in this respect from the original records, neither by the records nor by the printed abstract are the Wardens or Officers of Lodges, other than the acting Masters, authorized to consult it. How the mistake arose of allowing others to consult it I do not know; but it is evidently my duty, now that I have

ascertained what the vote of the Grand Lodge was, to enforce it, and henceforth the standard work will not be open for consultation by any others than those who have been authorized by the Grand Lodge, namely, the District Deputy Grand Masters, the Grand Lecturers, and the Acting Masters of Lodges. Of course the Grand Lodge can pass such an order as it sees fit; but I submit to the wisdom of the members, whether it is not almost time to restrict still farther the use of this work. The great object was to have a fixed standard. The Masters and working officers of each Lodge have now acquired, each at least his own particular portion, and they can transmit these portions unimpaired to their successors, for the instructive tongue, the attentive ear, and the faithful breast still remain with us; the Grand Lecturers can give their lectures as of old; and in case any question arises, about which the Grand Lecturers differ or are in doubt, the standard work can be appealed to. But I leave this matter to be decided by the prudence and discretion of the members of the Grand Lodge, in full confidence, or at least strong hope, that no mere considerations of convenience will lead them to decide contrary to the true interests of the Fraternity.

As it is not only important that the Masters and Officers of Lodges should be well acquainted with the work of the degrees, but also to some extent with Masonic usage and law, or have the means ready at hand to learn what that law and usage is, I cannot too strongly recommend all who are able, to purchase the Masonic Digest recently compiled by R.W. Brother Cheever.

The complaint of Howard Lodge against Brother Wm. F. Kenny was referred to me by vote of the Grand Lodge at

its Quarterly Communication in March, 1879, and after carefully considering it and ascertaining, as far as in my power, the facts of the case, I took such action upon it as seemed to me for the good of all parties interested.

I have had correspondence with the Grand Master of New Hampshire in regard to certain persons desiring to be healed, who received the degrees without the permission of Lodges in New Hampshire; but as yet no decision has been communicated to me from that Grand Lodge. It appears that such cases are in New Hampshire referred to a Committee on Jurisprudence. It meets only once a year, and has not usually the time or requisite information at its first meeting to act upon the business of this kind which comes before it.

The following Masonic work has been performed since the last Annual Communication: —

1878, December 13. Visited Winslow Lewis Lodge, Boston, and witnessed the work on the second degree.

1879, January 13. Visited Mount Lebanon Lodge, Boston, and, with the assistance of some of the Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge, installed the officers of that Lodge, and also the District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventeenth Masonic District.

1879, Feb. 11. Visited King Solomon's Lodge, Charlestown, and addressed the Brethren present on the subject of the Grand Lodge debt, and the best manner of liquidating it, and subsequently discussed with them various questions connected with the subject.

1879, Feb. 12. Met with the Finance Committee of the Grand Lodge, and explained to them the condition of the finances. What was subsequently done by that committee and

their recommendations to the Grand Lodge, and the action of the Grand Lodge upon them, are well known to you, and appear in the printed proceedings.

1879, Feb. 25. Visited Star of Bethlehem and Robert Lash Lodges, Chelsea, these Lodges holding a memorial service as a tribute to the memory of W. Bro. Eben W. Lothrop, a member of Robert Lash Lodge, and listened to a very beautiful eulogy upon the deceased by his friend, our Grand Secretary.

1879, March 9. Visited Kilwinning Lodge at Lowell, and attended with that Lodge the burial of our R.W. Brother Charles Kimball, and at the request of the W. Master of Kilwinning Lodge, after the religious services in the church were over, read the Masonic burial-service at the grave; the Governor of the Commonwealth, the Mayor of the city, several members of the Governor's Council, and other distinguished gentlemen, together with many Brethren from other cities and towns besides Lowell, being present.

1879, March 14. Visited Faith Lodge, Charlestown, and addressed the Brethren present on the financial question.

1879, March 26. Visited, in company with the Deputy Grand Master, Henry Price Lodge, Charlestown, and addressed the Brethren present on the financial question.

1879, April 1. Went to Turner's Falls with the officers of the Grand Lodge, and constituted Mechanics' Lodge of that place, installed the officers, and subsequently, with other members of the Grand Lodge, addressed the Brethren present on the financial question.

1879, April 23. Visited Merrimac and Saggahew Lodges, Haverhill, and addressed the Brethren present on the financial question.

1879, April 25. Went with the officers of the Grand Lodge and dedicated the Hall of Montgomery Lodge, Milford, and afterwards addressed the Brethren present on the financial question.

1879, May 1. Visited Amicable Lodge, Cambridge, with R.W. Brother Nickerson, and witnessed the work in the third degree. The R.W. Brother and myself addressed the Brethren present on the financial question.

1879, May 2. Visited Athol Lodge, Athol, and addressed the Brethren present, who represented various Lodges in that vicinity, on the subject of the finances.

1879, May 8. Visited Belmont Lodge, Belmont, and assisted by W. Bros. Thomas W. Davis and Henry N. Fisher, officers of the Grand Lodge, installed the officers of Belmont Lodge, and addressed the Brethren on the financial question.

1879, May 9. I had made an appointment to visit, at this date, Mystic Lodge, Pittsfield, but was prevented by professional engagements. R.W. Brother Nickerson went in my place, and his great familiarity with the subject made my absence of little consequence.

1879, May 16. Visited Blackstone River Lodge, Blackstone, and addressed the Brethren present on the financial question.

1879, May 20. Visited the Lodges in Salem, and addressed the Brethren present on the financial question.

1879, May 24. Visited Mount Moriah Lodge, Westfield, and addressed the Brethren present on the financial question.

On this and I believe on all other occasions the Brethren, after I had explained the matter to the best of my ability, discussed with me informally various matters connected with the subject. This was greatly to my advantage, and suggested

views which would otherwise have escaped me. My arguments, however, could not have been as good as they should have been, for the officers of that Lodge voted against the capitation tax.

1879, May 30. Visited Chicopee Lodge, of Chicopee, and addressed the Brethren present on the financial question. The members of this Lodge, or some of them, had sent me a protest against the renewal of the capitation tax, and I supposed it almost useless to visit the Lodge; but the members of the Lodge received me as kindly as if I had been the bearer of good tidings, and I presume, from this and from the officers voting in Grand Lodge for the tax, they thought it but fair to set off their vote against their protest.

1879, June 3. Visited St. Paul's Lodge, South Boston, and witnessed the work on the third degree. I met in the Lodge-room a great number of Masons, showing the interest felt for Masonry in that section of the city. R.W. Bro. Nickerson visited the same evening Baalbec Lodge, East Boston, to which I had also been invited, and addressed the Brethren on the financial question.

1879, June 6. Visited the Lodges at Northampton, and addressed a large number of Brethren on the financial question.

1879, June 9. Visited Charity Lodge, North Cambridge, at a social gathering, and passed a very pleasant evening, not the less pleasant that I was not obliged to say a word on the financial question.

1879, June 19. Visited Mt. Olivet Lodge, Cambridge, and witnessed the work on the third degree. The candidate was examined on the lecture of the second degree, and surprised all present by his great accuracy.

1879, June 24. Accompanied the Grand Lodge on a visit to the Lodges in Salem, these Lodges celebrating the centennial anniversary of the introduction of Masonry to that place. R.W. Bro. Cheever delivered an address full of information, collected by him with great diligence. This address was not only interesting to those who listened to it, but will prove more and more valuable, as time passes, to the Fraternity in Salem. It is unnecessary to add that a great number of Lodges were represented, and much Masonic enthusiasm exhibited.

1879, Sept. 29. Visited Monitor Lodge, Waltham, and formally healed John Stark, of Waltham, he having been unanimously recommended for healing by Monitor Lodge, and it appearing that he had received the degree in Scotland irregularly, but without any fault on his part.

1879, Oct. 17. Accompanied the officers of the Grand Lodge to New Bedford, and constituted, in New Bedford, Noquochoke Lodge, of Westport.

1879, Oct. 28. Visited Union Lodge, of Dorchester, and witnessed the work on one of the degrees.

1879, Nov. 12. Visited Paul Revere Lodge, at Brockton, and witnessed the work on the first degree.

1879, Nov. 20. Visited Hyde Park Lodge, of Hyde Park, and witnessed the work on the first degree.

1879, Nov. 24. Visited Solomon's Temple Lodge, of Uxbridge, and, assisted by the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Marshal, publicly installed the officers of that Lodge. As the Lodge-room was not large enough to hold the Brethren and their friends, the installation took place in the Congregational Church, and a collation was afterwards served in the basement of the church. The occasion was made a very pleas-

ant one by the excellent and witty speeches made by invited guests.

1879, Sept. 11. The Soldiers' Monument at Gloucester was dedicated by the Grand Lodge, the Deputy Grand Master officiating, as my professional engagements prevented me from being present.

1879, April 2. I granted a Dispensation to forty-six petitioners for a new Lodge to be located in Somerville, and to be called Soley Lodge, after one of our early Grand Masters. The petition for the Dispensation was properly approved by the District Deputy Grand Master of the District, and the nearest Lodge. Brothers Horace P. Hemenway, Henry F. Wood, and John Viall were respectively appointed Master, Senior, and Junior Wardens.

Exemplifications of the work have been held in the following places and times: —

1879, Jan. 8. At Sandwich, in the Fifteenth District, W. Bro. Charles M. Avery, Grand Lecturer, presiding.

1879, Jan. 23. At Palmer, in the Eighteenth District, W. Bro. Charles M. Avery presiding.

1879, Feb. 14. At Athol, in the Eighth District, W. Bro. Thomas Waterman presiding.

Special warrants have been issued to R.W. Brother A. A. Burditt to install R.W. Brother D. B. Ingalls as D.D.G. Master of the Seventh Masonic District, in place of W. Albert L. Fessenden, who declined the appointment; to R.W. Solon W. Stevens, Senior Grand Warden, to formally heal Wm. Edward Whitehead, it appearing that he had received the degrees

irregularly, through no fault of his own, and he having been highly recommended by Brethren in Lowell. Returns were duly made on these warrants. It also appears by the return of R.W. Brother Wm. C. Robinson, of the Tenth Masonic District, that January 29, 1879, he dedicated the new hall of Morning Star Lodge, Conway. The warrants in this case originally issued to the former District Deputy, R.W. Bro. John A. Hall.

Sept. 15, 1879. I requested the D.D.G. Master of the First Masonic District to notify the Lodges in his jurisdiction that Frank H. Clayton, who received the degrees in Perseverance Lodge, New York City, was a clandestine Mason.

The reports of the District Deputies give me favorable accounts of the conditions of the Lodges, with very few exceptions. I can only add that the rendering of the work, when I have been present, has been such as to deserve great praise, and I am also satisfied that the harmony of the Lodges, and their good feeling and respect towards this, their representative body, remains unimpaired.

A considerable amount of money was contributed a year ago or more by Lodges and individual Brothers for the relief of the sufferers in the South-west, and placed in my hands. I sent portions of it, so far as needed, to different places; but after all Masonic wants were supplied a little more than half was left. This I deposited in the New England Trust Co., where it drew a small rate of interest, supposing that further cases would arise which would require relief; but in answer to my subsequent inquiries it was stated that no more money was needed. When the yellow fever broke out, this last summer, I wrote again to those upon whom I could rely, to ascertain if assist-

ance was needed; but found that it was not. I have therefore returned, by check on the Trust Co., to each Lodge which contributed, including the Grand Lodge, and to each individual contributor, his proportion of the amount left on deposit. The full amount contributed was $1,842.42; of this, $802.50 was sent to the relief of the sufferers; $1,039.92 remained in the Trust Co., and some interest has accrued upon it. If a few dollars shall be still left after all the checks are paid, I propose to give them to the Chairman of the Charity Fund, who I know will find a good use for them.

From the Returns of the D.D.G. Masters I ascertain the number of affiliated members, not including those in Chili, and China to be	25,272
Last year they numbered	25,742
The number of initiates last year, not including those initiated in Chili and China, and in Lodges under Dispensation, was	982
Adding those initiated in Lodges under Dispensation, . .	23
Whole number	1,005
The number of those initiated in the State this year, except in Lodges under Dispensation, is	850

The Grand Treasurer has been authorized by me to pay the expenses of the meetings of District Deputies and Grand Lecturers, including those of the meeting held to-day. They have all been paid, and are as follows: —

Expense of meeting in March, 1879	$30 00
" " " June "	36 25
There was no meeting in Sept. " . . .	
Expense of meeting in Dec. "	27 00
Total	$93 25

The report of the Directors, made in accordance with Constitutions, Part I., Art. 1, Sect I., is as follows: —

The returns of the D.D.G. Masters for the present year, without deducting their travelling expenses, show an amount collected of $27,212.53. In the year 1877 the amount collected was $28,648.75; last year, $28,352.50. Of the amount collected this year $20,731 came from the capitation tax; $6,481.53 from the annual fee and from the initiation fees paid to the Grand Lodge by each Lodge, and from small items. The travelling expenses of the District Deputies paid this year have been $1,120.31, including one bill which properly belonged to last year's account, but which a District Deputy did not deduct from the amount paid by him to the Grand Treasurer, and for which he did not send in a bill till after the Annual Communication.

There have been received from rents $20,552.56. Up to May last the rents of the lower story and basement were at the rate of $10,000 per annum. Those portions of the building have been let since then at the rate of $7,000 per annum, as was anticipated; the banking room and small room on Boylston street for $3,000, till May 1, 1880; the auction room for $2,500, till May 1, 1881; the basement story for five years, at $1,500 per annum. Each of the tenants pays a proper proportion of the expense of heating. Some other small items have also been received, which will appear in the summary of receipts and payments.

From the commutation of the next capitation tax there has been received $3,512.45, and this has been applied to the reduction of the principal of the debt.

A few days after the June Communication of the Grand

Lodge, at which the vote was passed renewing the capitation tax, the Directors had a meeting and directed the Treasurer to borrow $30,000 of the Third National Bank at the then current rate of interest, and pay that sum to the Provident Institution for Savings, if that institution would receive it; the next day, June 18, the Third National Bank discounted the note of this corporation at the rate of 4½ per cent. per annum, and the $30,000 was immediately paid to the Provident Institution, thus reducing the interest of that sum for six months at least from 7 per cent. to 4½ per cent. per annum. At the same time the Grand Treasurer borrowed on call $4,000, at 4½ per cent., to meet current expenses; June, July, and August being the months when our treasury is at the lowest ebb. This $4,000 was repaid in September.

The debt last year, when the Directors made their annual report, was $275,550.00, of which $244,000 was on a note and mortgage to the Provident Institution for Savings, payable December 15, 1880, at 7 per cent. per annum, and on notes to Masonic Bodies amounting to $31,550. The cash reported as on hand, deducting what was known to be due, was $385.60. The debt to-day is $258,800, of which $200,000 is due to the Provident Institution, at 7 per cent.; $28,000 to the Third National Bank, the note for which must be renewed on the 18th instant; and $30,800 to Masonic Bodies, at 6 per cent. per annum. Every bill presented has been paid, and the payment of interest on the note to the Provident Institution, payable December 15, has been anticipated in the same manner as last year. The Treasurer has $769.60 on hand, and claims for $2,174.31. It thus appears that the Fraternity have reduced their debt during the past year from $275,550 to $258,800, a

reduction of $16,750; but of this amount $3,512.45 has been received from Lodges and individuals commuting for the next capitation tax. It should be remembered that if any individual member of a Lodge chooses to pay the commutation of $10 for himself, and the Lodge to which he belongs elects afterwards to commute for all its members, as the law allows, the money paid by the individual member will be credited to the Lodge as part of its payment. The Lodges who commute can raise the money by assessment upon their members, by vote or resolution properly passed, without making any change in their by-laws. I should advise the Lodges, however, to pass such a vote or resolution with the same formalities of notice and under the same rules as are required in case of a change in their by-laws. The effect will be that the consent of the Grand Lodge will not be required.

The following is a summary from the Grand Treasurer's accounts, showing the receipts and expenditures of the Grand Lodge, not including the changes made in the debt of the Grand Lodge by renewal and substitution of notes:—

RECEIPTS OF MASONIC YEAR.

Balance from last year	$481 80
Rents	20,552 26
Lodge fees, Initiation fees, etc., received from D.D.G.M.	6,481 55
Capitation tax of 1879	20,731 00
Sale of Digest	265 00
Charters	100 00
Dispensations	15 00
Tenants, for heating furnished	341 10
Fees from Lodges under Dispensation	80 00
Commutation of next capitation tax	3,512 45
	$52,560 46

PAYMENTS.

Interest	$18,552 47
Taxes	4,362 50
Repairs on Temple	347 64
" " furniture	86 48
" " regalia	10 65
" " heating apparatus	19 72
Insurance	334 00
Expenses of meetings of district deputies	93 25
Travelling expenses of same	1,120 32
Engineer's salary	1,000 00
Fuel	706 62
Superintendent, deducting the amount paid by Lodges,	766 00
Assistance to Superintendent	585 97
Cleaning Temple and furniture	394 90
Grand Treasurer's salary	500 00
" Secretary's "	2,145 84
Charity, deducting amount received back from contribution to yellow-fever sufferers	916 90
Trial commissioners	0 00
Printing, stationery, and diplomas, including those of Grand Treasurer's office	1,727 22
Tyling	32 25
Water	38 82
Ice	30 00
Constituting Lodges	96 60
Gas	69 96
C. H. Titus's salary to Jan. 1, 1879	60 00
Rev. C. H. Titus " " "	425 00
John McClellan's " " "	500 00
On account of funeral expenses of John McClellan	99 00
Travelling expenses of committee	18 75
Principal of debt	16,750 00
Cash on hand	$51,790 86
	$769 60
	$52,560 46

INDEBTEDNESS.

Note and Mortgage to Provident Institution for Savings		$200,000 00
Notes to Masonic Bodies		30,800 00
Note to 3d National Bank		28,000 00
		$258,800 00
Cash on hand	$769 60	
Rents due	2,174 31	
		$2,943 91
Total		$255,856 09

The Board of Directors, on the 1st of September last, reduced the expenses connected with the care of the Temple, by dispensing with the services of an assistant superintendent. His salary was $700. They employ in his stead such temporary assistance as is needed in the cloak-room on the evenings when Lodges or other bodies meet, and in the daytime during a portion of the winter months, when the services of the engineer are required in the discharge of his own several duties. It is probable that a saving of about $350 will be effected in future by this change.

All the expenses of the Grand Secretary's office in the way of stationery, postage, etc., are paid from the moneys received from sale of trestle-boards and travelling cards. By vote of the Grand Lodge the money received from the sale of the Masonic Digest is paid over to the Grand Treasurer, to repay the cost of that work. The Secretary's accounts are annually rendered to the Directors and examined by them. This ends the report of the Board of Directors.

I congratulate the members of the Grand Lodge on the great unanimity and good feeling with which the Brethren throughout the State have assumed the burden laid upon them, so wisely

and necessarily as it seems to me, by the vote of June 11, 1879. From every quarter come approving and encouraging words, and while I appreciate fully the pecuniary difficulties with which all the Lodges will have for a while to struggle, have great sympathy for some of the weaker ones, I no longer fear that the Masonic Fraternity will lose, in consequence of it, any great number of valuable members. The D.D.G. Master of the 1st Masonic District reports that already five Lodges, with a membership of 778, have voted to commute; that action in other Lodges will soon follow; that in two of the Lodges fully fifty per cent. have signified their intention to pay on demand, and that by January 1st ninety per cent. of the $21,580 due from the First Masonic District will have been provided for; that this is due to the interest taken in the matter by the Masters of the various Lodges, and the belief, on the part of the members, that they themselves and all the Masons in Massachusetts are deeply interested in it, because the Grand Lodge is not a separate Institution, but a part of Masonry responsible to every individual Mason. To this can be added that since his report was made, another Lodge in his District has voted to commute, and I am not without some hope that the Lodges in this District, which are pecuniarily the feeblest, may, with the assistance of those members whom Heaven has blessed with a greater abundance of the good things of this world, be able to commute also. May I also be allowed to express the hope that there will never be any other contention between the city and country Lodges about this Temple and the capitation tax, than that noble contention or rather emulation who best can work for the removal of the debt.

But perhaps nothing in relation to this tax has happened

more encouraging than the fact that a distant Lodge, whose members probably find it more difficult to visit this city than those of any other Lodge, a large proportion of whom, being engaged in seafaring pursuits, spread the good name of Massachusetts Masonry in other States and countries, — a Lodge, which made one of the seventeen noes voting against the tax, — has not only voted to commute, but has paid its commutation tax. It speaks well for Massachusetts Masonry that it has such laborers in its *Vineyard*, laborers who do not wait till the eleventh hour to commence their work.

At the memorable June Communication a committee of five, consisting entirely of officers of the Lodges, was appointed to consider the subject of the annual expenditures of the Grand Lodge; to see if proper economy was exercised, and whether any reduction in expenses could be advantageously made, and to make report at the Annual Communication. It seemed to me that this committee could much better perform the important duties intrusted to them if they were able to examine the receipts and expenditures of this whole Masonic year. But the receipts come in a great degree from the District Deputies, whose returns should all be in by the first of December. Owing, however, I am sorry to say, to the remissness of one or two Lodges, some of these reports are hardly received in time for either the Grand Treasurer or myself to make our official reports. The committee of course have had no opportunity to make an examination. I therefore suggest that further time be allowed, and that the financial part of this report be referred to the same committee; and I respectfully make this further suggestion for your action in the future, that it would be well every year to refer the Directors' Report and the financial part of the Grand

Master's to a committee composed entirely or chiefly of the officers of Lodges. Economy is of the utmost importance in the management of your affairs; the Board of Directors have great power delegated to them. The natural tendency of all corporations is to extravagance. As your debt diminishes, and your resources increase, the tendency in that direction will be still stronger, and as it is upon the Lodges and the members of Lodges that the weight of the payment falls, it is eminently just and proper that the financial statement of the Grand Lodge affairs should be examined into by a committee taken from those most interested, and be done in a thorough, careful manner, and not as a mere matter of form.

Brethren, it is owing to your Masonic zeal that I am able to make this favorable report of the condition of the Grand Lodge and of Masonry in Massachusetts.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report on the Sinking Fund, which was accepted.

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER ON THE SINKING FUND.

In Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,
December 10, 1879.

Since making the report on the Sinking Fund at the last annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, I have made a careful examination of all the previous reports made on the fund by my predecessor. As a result of this examination I find that an error crept into the report made in 1873, by which the amount received from the capitation tax in 1872 was accidentally omitted.

This error does not affect the Treasurer's books or the accounts of the Grand Lodge, but was unfortunately continued in the reports made in succeeding years, so that since 1873 the

total amount reported has been $18,637.25 less than it should have been.

Correcting this error I make a final report, as follows: —

Amount received during the past year from the District Deputy Grand Master	$20,739 00
Amount previously received, including the amount received in 1872	269,119 25
Making a total of receipts under decree passed March 13, 1867	$289,858 25

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL WELLS,
Grand Treasurer.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The hour for the Annual Election of Grand Officers, as prescribed by the Constitution, having arrived, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

On resuming labor, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master assumed the Grand East, and the Recording Grand Secretary, after an inspection of the Books of Registry, reported the whole number of votes that might be cast for Grand Officers to be five hundred and seventeen, viz.: —

Grand officers present	37
Permanent members present	27
One hundred and forty-one Lodges represented by Masters and Wardens	423
Ten Lodges represented by proxies	30
	517

ELECTION OF GRAND MASTER.

The R.W. Deputy Grand Master appointed as a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for Grand Master, R.W. Samuel C. Lawrence, Bro. Theodore C. Bates, and W. John A. Conkey.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Grand Master to be four hundred and thirty-seven, all of which were for M.W. Charles Alfred Welch, of Waltham, and he was declared to be unanimously elected Grand Master of Masons in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the ensuing year.

The Deputy Grand Master appointed as a committee to wait upon the Grand Master elect, and present him to the Grand East: —

R.W. John T. Heard	Past Grand Master.
" William D. Coolidge	" " "
" William Parkman	" " "
" Charles C. Dame	" " "
" Sereno D. Nickerson	" " "
" Percival L. Everett	" " "
" Bradford L. Wales	Past Grand Warden.

The Grand Marshal, with the Grand Stewards, attended the committee, who waited upon the Grand Master, and conducted him to the Grand East, the Brethren all rising.

Upon the presentation by the Chairman of the Committee, of the Grand Master elect to the Deputy Grand Master, the latter, in words of congratulation, which fitly expressed the high confidence of the members of the Grand Lodge and the Brethren of the jurisdiction in their Grand Master, as exhibited in a thrice-repeated unanimous ballot, again invited him to resume his high station as the head of the Fraternity of this jurisdiction.

The Grand Master elect, after an appropriate response, renewing his vows of fealty to our ancient Institution, and reciprocating the fraternal feelings expressed by the Deputy Grand Master, in behalf of the Brethren, resumed his station in the Grand East.

ELECTION OF SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

The Grand Master appointed as a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for Senior Grand Warden, W. Bros. John M. Rodocanachi, Alfred C. Hall, and Benjamin C. Dean.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Senior Grand Warden to be four hundred and fifty-seven; the number necessary for a choice, three hundred and five; and that

R.W. Charles W. Moody, of Worcester, had three hundred and forty-three.

R.W. Charles W. Moody was accordingly declared elected Senior Grand Warden for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

A committee, consisting of W. Bros. Abijah L. Shattuck, O. B. Seagrave, and Charles T. Gallagher, was appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for Junior Grand Warden.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Junior Grand Warden to be three hundred and seventy-nine, of which R.W. Otis E. Weld, of Boston, had three hundred and sixty-seven, and was declared elected Junior Grand Warden for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF GRAND TREASURER.

A committee, consisting of W. Bros. Charlie A. Jones, E. C. Gardner, and Bro. Berry, of Worcester, was appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for Grand Treasurer.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Grand Treasurer to be two hundred and forty-seven, all of which were for R.W.

Samuel Wells, of Boston; and he was declared unanimously elected Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing.

ELECTION OF RECORDING GRAND SECRETARY.

The Grand Master appointed as a committee to receive, sort, and count the votes for Recording Grand Secretary, W. Bros. John M. Rodocanachi, and Alfred C. Hall, and Bro. Thomas Todd.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Recording Grand Secretary to be two hundred and twenty-eight, all of which were for R.W. Tracy P. Cheever, of Chelsea, and he was declared unanimously elected Recording Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

A committee, consisting of Bro. Erastus Chase and W. Bros. William T. Soule and Charles Harris, was appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for four members of the Board of Directors, to serve for the term of two years.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Directors to be one hundred and sixty-six, all of which were for R.W. Bros. Sereno D. Nickerson, William Sutton, and Francis Childs,

and one hundred and sixty-four of which were for R.W. Percival L. Everett; and R.W. Bros. Sereno D. Nickerson, Percival L. Everett, William Sutton, and Francis Childs were declared elected Directors for the term of two years.

ELECTION OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

A committee, consisting of R.W. Joseph K. Baker and W. Bros. E. H. Shaw and Thomas Waterman, was appointed to receive, sort, and count the votes for Auditing Committee.

The committee reported the whole number of votes cast for Auditing Committee to be one hundred and four, all of which were for W. James M. Gleason, R.W. Samuel P. Oliver, and W. Jeremiah Gatchell, and they were severally declared unanimously elected as the Auditing Committee for the ensuing year.

After the election of Grand Officers was concluded, the business of the Grand Lodge was resumed.

R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, on behalf of the committee appointed to consider the most recent communications respecting the recognition by this Grand Lodge of the Body purporting to be the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, made a verbal

report, in the course of which he stated that the committee had carefully considered the arguments which had been presented in favor of the legitimacy of that Body, but were unable to satisfy themselves of the propriety of the recognition requested, and accordingly recommended that no further action be taken.

The report was accepted.

R.W. Otis E. Weld, in behalf of the Auditing Committee, presented the following report: —

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

In Grand Lodge, Boston, Dec. 10, 1879.

The Auditing Committee beg leave to submit the following report. They have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer, and find his receipts to have been: —

Balance from last year's accounts	$481 80
" notes	34,000 00
" rents, gas, etc.	20,552 56
" Dist. Dep. Gr. Masters	26,592 24
Charters and Dispensations	195 00
Masonic Digest	265 80
Commutation tax	3,512 45
Total receipts	$85,099 05

His payments, for all of which he shows the proper vouchers, have been: —

Notes paid	$50,750 00	
Interest paid	18,552 47	
City taxes	4,362 50	
Printing	1,713 72	
Salaries	3,630 84	
Charity	916 90	
Funeral expenses	99 00	
Superintendent and care of Temple	1,746 87	
Engineer and heating "	1,385 25	
Repairs on Temple	347 64	
Gas, water, and furniture	235 91	
Insurance	334 00	
Constituting new Lodges	96 60	
Qr. meeting D.D.G.M.	93 25	
Sundry small bills	64 50	
Total payments	$84,329 45	
Leaving a cash balance now on hand of		$769 60
There is due this Grand Lodge for rents, gas, etc.		$2,174 31

The indebtedness your committee find to be: —

Mortgage on Temple	$200,000 00
Due Masonic Bodies	30,800 00
Due Third National Bank	28,000 00
	$258,800 00

Your committee have also carefully examined the records and books of the Recording Grand Secretary, and find them to have been correctly kept and accurately transcribed.

Respectfully submitted,

Otis E. Weld,
Samuel P. Oliver,
James M. Gleason.
Committee.

On motion of R.W. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., it was

Voted, That that portion of the Grand Master's address which relates to the financial condition of the Grand Lodge be referred to the committee which was appointed in June last to consider the matter of expenditures, and that the committee report upon both subjects at the Quarterly Communication to be held in March next.

On motion of R.W. Percival L. Everett, it was

Voted, That the remainder of the Grand Master's address be referred to a Special Committee.

R.W. Percival L. Everett and W. Edward H. Barton were appointed such committee.

R.W. Sereno D. Nickerson, for the committee on a change of the seal of the Grand Lodge, reported progress, stating the difficulties and doubts which surround the subject, and alluding to the importance, in a heraldic sense, of a correct determination of the question, to which the committee may probably arrive in season for a report at the next Quarterly Communication, and asked further time, which was granted.

W. Thomas W. Davis, in behalf of the Committee on By-Laws, submitted the following report: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

In Grand Lodge, December 10, 1879.

The Committee on By-laws have examined the full codes of

St. Albans Lodge, Foxboro, St. Paul's, So. Boston,
Corner Stone, Duxbury, Artisan, Winchendon,

and recommend their approval as amended, when description of seal is furnished by Corner Stone and Artisan Lodges.

Also recommend for approval, amendments by

Hyde Park Lodge, Hyde Park, Pequossett, Watertown,
C. W. Moore, Fitchburg, Harmony, Northfield,
Mizpah, Cambridge, Amicable, Cambridge,
Hampshire, Haydenville, Norfolk, Needham.
Revere, Boston,

Also recommend that the By-Laws of Republican Lodge be returned for correction.

Wm. F. Salmon,
L. W. Lowell,
Thos. W. Davis.

The report was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted.

A communication from Antonio Given, G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Colon, containing sundry documents and arguments which are claimed to support the Masonic legitimacy of that Body, and requesting recognition by this Grand Lodge, was received and referred to R.W. Sereno D. Nicker-

son, W. Charles T. Gallagher, and W. James M. Gleason.

On motion of the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the sum of five hundred dollars was appropriated for charity, to be disbursed by the Standing Committee on Charity.

No further business appearing, the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, at five minutes past five o'clock P.M. until the 30th inst., then to meet in the Masonic Temple, in this city, at 4 o'clock P.M., for the Installation of Grand Officers, and the celebration of the Feast of St. John the Evangelist. The Grand Master cordially invited the Brethren to be present on that interesting occasion.

Prayer was at the closing ceremony offered by W. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Tracy P. Chevers

Recording Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION.

DEDICATION OF MASONIC HALL, IN WALTHAM.

DECEMBER 27, A. L. 5879.

A SPECIAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Waltham, on Saturday, the twenty-seventh day of December, A.L. 5879, A.D. 1879, being the Feast Day of St. John, the Evangelist, for the purpose of dedicating the new Masonic apartments of Monitor and Isaac Parker Lodges in the building recently erected by the M.W. Grand Master.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

M.W. CHARLES ALFRED WELCH . .	Grand Master.
R.W. ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	Deputy Grand Master.
" WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN . .	*as* Senior Grand Warden.
" HENRY G. FAY	Junior Grand Warden.
" SAMUEL WELLS	Grand Treasurer.
" TRACY P. CHEEVER	Recording Grand Secretary.
" GEORGE P. SANGER	Corresponding Grand Sec'y.
" GEORGE J. TOWNSEND, M.D. .	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 4.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN, M.D. .	*as* Grand Chaplain.
" JOHN M. RODOCANACHI . .	*as* Grand Marshal.
" CHARLES M. AVERY	Grand Lecturers.
" J. FRANCIS LOTTS.	Grand Lecturers.
" MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.

W. THOMAS W. DAVIS . . . . . Junior Grand Deacon.
" NATHANIEL GREENE, M.D. . *as* Senior Grand Steward.
" HENRY N. FISHER . . . . } *as* Junior Grand Stewards.
" ALFRED A. CHAPMAN . . . }
" CHARLES U. COTTING . . . *as* Grand Sword Bearer.
" HENRY J. PARKER . . . . *as* Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. WILLIAM PARKMAN . . . . Past Grand Master.
" WILLIAM S. GARDNER . . . " " "
" PERCIVAL L. EVERETT . . . " " "

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

R.W. FRANCIS CHILDS.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at fifteen minutes past six o'clock, P.M., and at eight o'clock was escorted to the Hall by a Committee of Monitor and Isaac Parker Lodges, of which W. Ambrose Webster, P.M. of Isaac Parker Lodge, was chairman.

The new and spacious hall was densely crowded, the ladies in large numbers occupying the seats, and the remaining floor space being almost covered by the Brethren of the two Lodges and other members of the Fraternity. A special interest was manifested upon this occasion, inasmuch as the building was constructed by the Grand Master, a member of Monitor Lodge, for the special convenience of the Brethren of Waltham, whose

Masonic accommodations had long since been outgrown; its operative architect, W. Bro. Henry W. Hartwell, was a P.M. of the same Lodge, and the efforts of the Brethren to beautify and adorn the hall and ante-rooms were so zealously and gracefully seconded by the ladies.

The Grand Master assumed the chair, and the commodious and elegant Masonic apartments were solemnly dedicated to the offices and purposes of Masonry in due and ancient form, after which the usual proclamation was made. The Grand Master then made a brief address to the assemblage of ladies and Brethren, cordially thanking the former for the zeal and spirit manifested by them in aiding to furnish the means for the decoration of the Hall.

At the close of the Grand Master's address the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and other officers, elected and appointed, of Monitor and Isaac Parker Lodges, were duly installed. The W. Masters of the Lodges were respectively installed by the Grand Master, the Wardens by the Grand Wardens, and the remaining officers by the Deputy Grand Master, after which the usual proclamation was made.

At the conclusion of this service the Grand

Lodge retired, under escort of the committee, to the ante-room, where, at forty minutes past nine o'clock, P.M., it was closed in AMPLE FORM. The ladies and visiting Brethren were afterward sumptuously entertained by the Brethren of Waltham.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Tracy P. Chevers

Recording Grand Secretary.

STATED COMMUNICATION.

DECEMBER 30, A.L. 5879.

A STATED COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at the Masonic Temple, in the city of Boston, on Tuesday, the thirtieth day of December, A.L. 5879, A.D. 1879, for the installation of Grand Officers, and the celebration of the Feast of St. John, the Evangelist.

OFFICERS PRESENT.

R.W.	ABRAHAM H. HOWLAND, JR.	Deputy Grand Master.
"	SOLON W. STEVENS	Senior Grand Warden.
"	HENRY G. FAY	Junior Grand Warden.
"	IVORY H. POPE	*as* Grand Treasurer.
"	TRACY P. CHEEVER	Recording Grand Secretary.
"	JONATHAN BIGELOW	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 2.
"	WILLIAM H. WEST	" " " " 3.
"	JOHN B. HILL	" " " " 5.
"	DANIEL B. INGALLS	" " " " 7.
"	WILLIAM H. MURRAY	" " " " 9.
"	CHARLES W. MOODY	" " " " 11.
"	RUSSELL MATTHEWS	" " " " 15.
"	AUGUSTUS E. SCOTT	" " " " 17.
W. REV.	JOSHUA YOUNG	Grand Chaplain.
R.W.	WILLIAM H. CHESSMAN	*as* Grand Marshal.
W.	THOMAS WATERMAN, M.D.	Grand Lecturers.
"	CHARLES M. AVERY	
"	J. FRANCIS LOTTS	

W. Marlborough Williams . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
" Thomas W. Davis	Junior Grand Deacon.
" James Mills	Junior Grand Stewards.
" Nathaniel Greene, M.D. . . .	Junior Grand Stewards.
" Henry N. Fisher	Junior Grand Stewards.
" John M. Rodocanachi . .	*as* Grand Sword Bearer.
" Z. L. Bicknell	Grand Standard-Bearer.
" Otis E. Weld	Pursuivants.
" Henry J. Parker	Pursuivants.
Bro. Howard M. Dow	Grand Organist.
" George Townsend . . .	*as* Grand Tyler.

PERMANENT MEMBERS PRESENT.

R.W. William D. Coolidge . . .	Past Grand Master.
" William Parkman	" " "
" Charles C. Dame	" " "
" William S. Gardner . . .	" " "
" Percival L. Everett . . .	" " "
" Charles L. Woodbury . .	Past Deputy Grand Master.
" William Sutton	Past Grand Warden.
" Samuel C. Lawrence . . .	" " "
" William H. Chessman . . .	" " "
" Ivory A. Pope	" " "
" Irving B. Sayles	" " "
" Edward Avery	" " "

Also the Masters and Wardens of several subordinate Lodges, and many Master Masons who were admitted after the opening of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form by the Deputy Grand Master, at four o'clock, P.M., with prayer by W. Bro. Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain, and singing by a select quartette. The Great Light was opened by the acting Grand Marshal, at the gospel of St. John the Evangelist.

The Junior Past Grand Master R.W. Percival L. Everett, in accordance with the provisions of the Grand Constitutions, then assumed the Grand East, and presided at the installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master. He appointed as a committee to wait upon M.W. Charles Alfred Welch, Grand Master elect, and present him for installation,

R.W.	WILLIAM D. COOLIDGE	Past Grand Master.
"	WILLIAM PARKMAN	" " "
"	CHARLES C. DAME	" " "
"	WILLIAM S. GARDNER . . .	" " "

The committee retired, attended by the Grand Deacons, the Grand Stewards, and the Grand Sword-bearer, and, conducted by the Grand Marshal, escorted the Grand Master elect to the Grand East, the Brethren all rising, and duly presented him for installation.

The R.W. Installing Officer directed the committee to conduct the Grand Master elect to the altar, there to receive the benefit of prayer, and be invested with his official obligation:

The W. and Rev. Joshua Young, Grand Chaplain, offered the following Prayer of Installation: —

PRAYER OF INSTALLATION.

Great art Thou, O God, and to be held in reverence of all them that are about Thee. The heavens are Thine, the Earth also is Thine; as for the world and the fulness thereof, Thou hast founded them. Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne; mercy and truth go before Thy face.

We thank Thee, O God, for the fulness and the promise of this hour. We recognize the gracious providence which has guided the rolling year, obedient to Thy sovereign will, and which renews to us the grateful feeling that Thou art still with us in all the aims and purposes which make strong and steadfast our attachment to the beloved Fraternity, in whose name we are gathered here at this time.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! praise thy God, O Zion! For He has strengthened the bars of thy gates; He hath blessed thy children within thee; He maketh peace in thy borders; He sendeth thee light; He increaseth thee more and more.

Again called by a unanimous choice to preside over this Grand Lodge, behold Thy servant now kneeling at this altar for the consecration of prayer to the high office into which he is this day inducted. May the spirit of the Lord be upon him; the spirit of wisdom and understanding; the spirit of counsel and might. Enable him, O blessed and eternal God, to understand and make use of all the proper helps of duty, and kindle in his soul a flame of devotion to the interests of this Grand Lodge, which no difficulty, no infirmity within, or contradiction without, may ever extinguish. Give him grace that he may in all things ask first what is Thy good pleasure; follow the best examples, and

ever press towards the high mark which the distinguished character of his past services has set before him.

Still keep him a pillar of Strength; endue him with Wisdom from on high, and by the Beauty of holiness may he be incited to the practice of all the virtues to which he has plighted his honor and his truth. And Thy blessing rest upon all associated with him in the government of this Lodge, and in the direction of its affairs. Grant that they keep watch against the omission of any part of their duty, and the neglect of any opportunity by which they may advance the welfare of our ancient Order, or instruct, assist, or comfort any brother man.

May their light so shine before men, that they, seeing their good works, may glorify Thee — the Father Everlasting, who art above all, and through all, and in us all. AMEN.

The Grand Master elect, having been duly invested with his official obligation, was reconducted to the Grand East, and installed in AMPLE FORM, in accordance with the usage of this Grand Lodge.

The ceremony of installation, including the several proclamations, will be found set forth in full, in the record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, December 29, 1874.

A procession of the Brethren was formed in due order by the Grand Marshal, and the M.W. Grand Master was saluted in due and ancient form, in accordance with the usage of the Craft and of the

Grand Lodge, and the customary proclamation was made.

The Grand Master then proceeded to install the Grand Wardens elect.

R.W. Charles W. Moody, having been duly installed into the office of Senior Grand Warden, and R.W. Otis E. Weld into the office of Junior Grand Warden, proclamation thereof was made in due form.

The Grand Master then installed R.W. Tracy P. Cheever into the office of Recording Grand Secretary.

The following appointments were announced by the Grand Master: —

R.W. Abraham H. Howland, Jr., New Bedford, Deputy Grand Master.

R.W. George P. Sanger, Cambridge, Corresponding Grand Secretary.

R.W. Albert L. Richardson, Boston, D.D.G. Master, District No. 1.

R.W. Jonathan Bigelow, Cambridge, D.D.G. Master, District No. 2.

R.W. William H. West, Dorchester, D.D.G. Master, District No. 3.

R.W. George J. Townsend, M.D., South Natick, D.D.G. Master, District No. 4.

R.W. John B. Hill, Beverly, D.D.G. Master, District No. 5.

W. Nathan S. Kimball, Haverhill, D.D.G. Master, District No. 6.

R.W. Daniel B. Ingalls, Clinton, D.D.G. Master, District No. 7.

W. Hiram O. Smith, Shelburne Falls, D.D.G. Master, District No. 8.

R.W. William H. Murray, Pittsfield, D.D.G. Master, District No. 9.

R.W. William C. Robinson, Northampton, D.D.G. Master, District No. 10.

W. DAVID M. EARL, Worcester, D.D.G. Master, District No. 11.
W. A. C. SLATER, North Uxbridge, D.D.G. Master, District No. 12.
W. CHARLES E. SMITH, North Attleborough, D.D.G. Master, District No. 13.
R.W. ALBERT H. W. CARPENTER, New Bedford, D.D.G. Master, District No. 14.
R.W. RUSSELL MATTHEWS, Barnstable, D.D.G. Master, District No. 15.
R.W. EDWARD AVERY, Braintree, D.D.G. Master, District No. 16.
R.W. AUGUSTUS E. SCOTT, Lexington, D.D.G. Master, District No. 17.
R.W. GEORGE ROBINSON, Palmer, D.D.G. Master, District No. 18.
W. JOHN B. THAYER, Randolph, D.D.G. Master, District No. 19.
R.W. REV. DAVID W. TRUMBULL, D.D., Valparaiso, D.D.G. Master, for Chili, S. A.
W. REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, D.D., New Bedford, } Grand
W. REV. JOSHUA H. YOUNG, Groton, } Chaplains.
W. F. LYMAN WINSHIP, Brighton, Grand Marshal.
W. THOMAS WATERMAN, M.D., Boston, }
W. CHARLES M. AVERY, Chelsea, } Grand Lecturers.
W. J. FRANCIS LOTTS, Boston, }
W. MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS, Boston, Senior Grand Deacon.
W. THOMAS W. DAVIS, Belmont, Junior Grand Deacon.
W. WILLIAM T. R. MARVIN, Boston, Senior Grand Steward.
W. JAMES MILLS, Boston, }
W. NATHANIEL GREENE. M.D., Boston, } Junior Grand Stewards.
W. HENRY N. FISHER, Waltham, }
W. JOSEPH WINSOR, Boston, Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Z. L. BICKNELL, East Weymouth, Grand Standard Bearer.
W. HENRY J. PARKER, Boston, } Grand Pursuivants.
W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI, Boston, }
BRO. HOWARD M. DOW, Boston, Grand Organist.
BRO. FRANK E. JONES, Boston, Grand Tyler.

COMMISSIONERS OF TRIALS.

R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON, R.W. EDWARD AVERY,
R.W. BENJAMIN DEAN, W. EDWIN WRIGHT,
W. EDMUND T. KENDRICK.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

R.W. SERENO D. NICKERSON, R.W. CHARLES L. WOODBURY,
W. WILLIAM T. R. MARVIN.

COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

W. HENRY J. PARKER, W. NATHANIEL GREENE, M.D.
W. JAMES MILLS, W. CHARLES J. RICHARDSON,
W. OTIS EDDY.

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS.

W. JOHN M. RODOCANACHI, W. MARTIN D. MUNROE,
W. CHARLES HARRIS, W. HENRY N. FISHER,
W. CHARLES G. BROOKS, M.D.

COMMITTEE ON HEALING.

R.W. EDWARD AVERY, R.W. HENRY CHICKERING.
BRO. JOHN HILLIS.

COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS.

R.W. IVORY H. POPE, R.W. DANIEL W. LAWRENCE,
W. COLUMBUS COREY.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

R.W. WILLIAM F. SALMON, R.W. LUCIUS W. LOVELL,
W. THOMAS W. DAVIS.

The Grand Master then installed R.W. Abraham H. Howland into his office of Deputy Grand Master, and R.W. George P. Sanger into his office of Corresponding Grand Secretary.

The Deputy Grand Master installed the following-named Brethren into the stations to which they had been severally appointed: —

R.W. JONATHAN BIGELOW	D.D.G. Master, Dist. No. 2.
" WILLIAM H. WEST	" " " " 3.
" JOHN B. HILL	" " " " 5.
W. NATHAN S. KIMBALL	" " " " 6.
R.W. DANIEL B. INGALLS	" " " " 7.
W. HIRAM O. SMITH	" " " " 8.
R.W. WILLIAM H. MURRAY . . .	" " " " 9.
W. DAVID M. EARL	" " " " 11.
" A. C. SLATER	" " " " 12.
" CHARLES E. SMITH	" " " " 13.
R.W. RUSSELL MATTHEWS	" " " " 15.
" EDWARD AVERY	" " " " 16.
" AUGUSTUS E. SCOTT	" " " " 17.
W. JOHN B. THAYER	" " " " 19.
" REV. JOSHUA YOUNG	Grand Chaplain.
" THOMAS WATERMAN, M.D. . .	Grand Lecturers.
" CHARLES M. AVERY	Grand Lecturers.
" J. FRANCIS LOTTS	Grand Lecturers.
" MARLBOROUGH WILLIAMS . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
" THOMAS W. DAVIS	Junior Grand Deacon.
" WILLIAM T. R. MARVIN . . .	Senior Grand Steward.
" JAMES MILLS	Junior Grand Stewards.
" NATHANIEL GREEN, M.D. . . .	Junior Grand Stewards.
" HENRY N. FISHER	Junior Grand Stewards.
" Z. L. BICKNELL	Grand Standard Bearer.
" HENRY J. PARKER	Grand Pursuivants.
" JOHN M. RODOCANACHI . . .	Grand Pursuivants.

Proclamation was made by the acting Grand Marshal in due form.

W. Nathaniel Green, M.D. in behalf of the Committee on Charity, presented the following report, which was accepted: —

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHARITY.

IN GRAND LODGE, December 10, 1879.

The Committee on Charity would respectfully report that they have received from the Grand Treasurer . . . $1,000 00

Donations	25 00
	$1,025 00

And that they have disbursed the following: —

For funeral expenses	$75 00
" telegrams and postage	40 00
" applicants for charity	910 00
	$1,025 00

The majority of the applicants for charity, who come under the supervision of this committee, consists of Brethren whose affiliation is beyond the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. A large proportion of this class belongs to Lodges in foreign countries, and the others hail from all parts of the United States.

Next in number are Brethren who have at some time been affiliated in this jurisdiction; but from removal to other parts, or from poverty, have dimitted from their several Lodges. The widows and orphans of deceased Brethren constitute a large class, whose claims have to be considered by the committee. A large number of these represent Lodges outside this jurisdiction. To properly decide their claims for charity, it is necessary to correspond with the Lodges to which the Brethren belonged. In some cases the Lodges return the money expended,

and in others the committee is authorized to expend a certain amount stipulated by the Lodge.

In addition to these come the class, mostly unaffiliated, whose only aim seems to be to live on the charity of the Fraternity. During the last year this class of applicants has been smaller than usual. When informed that a telegram will be sent to the Lodge, and, if worthy, they will be assisted, they usually fail to appear for an answer.

In the severer seasons of the year the number of applicants will number from one or two to six or eight a day. At such seasons the applicants are generally worthy, cold and hunger compelling them to seek relief. A wife and family, without food or fire, will compel many whose pride has prevented them from making their condition known, to seek at last for aid. Cases are not rare where the first notice of such cases has come from strangers who have seen a diploma hanging in the room, and informed the committee of cases which otherwise would not have come to their notice.

With the approach of summer the appearance of a certain class of applicants can surely be counted on; to judge from their own stories their feats in pedestrianism would do credit to professionals; sleeping out of doors when no better shelter can be found, and soliciting charity from town to town, a large number of this class manage to journey through the State every summer. So far as possible the committee have endeavored to keep the names of such persons before the Craft. To properly put an end to this imposition would require a circular sent as often as once a month to each Lodge in the State, giving a description of all parties who have applied to the committee and been found to be impostors; a remedy requiring

more time and money than the committee feel warranted in using. So far as possible the committee desire that the Brethren in different parts of the State should communicate with them on the appearance of doubtful cases; this plan, which has been adopted in many of the Lodges, has been of great service in enabling the committee to know the names of these persons and their whereabouts.

During the year one person has been sent to the Consumptives' Home; one has been enabled to receive aid from her native town while residing here; two have been sent to the Insane Asylum, and one who had escaped was finally prevailed on to return. The committee were solicited by a Lodge in a neighboring jurisdiction to make inquiries regarding the wife of a Brother reported confined in one of the State Asylums. The case was investigated, and the facts forwarded to the Lodge, and the committee authorized to make such expenditures as they deemed advisable. Scarcely a year passes that the committee are not called upon to attend to the burial of Brethren away from kindred and friends. One such case, of peculiar hardship, came before the committee after their appropriation was exhausted, — a Brother over seventy years of age, over forty years a member of a Lodge in a neighboring State, — who had struggled during the summer when his health would permit to earn enough to barely support himself. In his last hours he sent a request that the committee would see that he was not buried as a pauper, but that his body might be sent to his native town to repose with his kindred; the committee accepted the duty, believing they would be sustained by the Grand Lodge.

There seems to be a wide-spread belief among the families

and relatives of Masons that in all cases of distress their families have but to call on the Craft to receive any assistance they may need. To represent to one's family that the Masonic Fraternity is a benefit association, and that in case of death the family has a claim on the Fraternity, is only to bring disappointment to the surviving members and harm to the Fraternity.

Perhaps it may not be out of place in closing this report of the committee to correct the impression that prevails, to some extent, that a large number of applicants are unworthy of relief. The committee believe they are justified in saying, the number receiving relief who are unworthy is very small; on the contrary, the committee feel that there are often very deserving cases, when they would feel justified in expending much larger amounts if the circumstances of the Grand Lodge would admit.

To properly investigate the large number of cases which come before the committee during the year requires much time and labor, and they feel that it is better to err on the side of charity, by giving a Brother a supper or a night's lodging, without giving him money, than that some deserving Brother should suffer.

HENRY J. PARKER,
NATH'L GREENE,
JAMES MILLS,
CHAS. J. RICHARDSON.

The Recording Grand Secretary submitted the following report, which was accepted: —

REPORT OF RECORDING GRAND SECRETARY.

In Grand Lodge, December 30, 1879.

The following eighteen Lodges do not appear to have been represented in Grand Lodge during the past year: —

Bay State, Montague.
Bethel, Enfield.
Evening Star, Lee.
Fraternity, Newtonville.
Globe, Hinsdale.
Harmony, Northfield.
Mountain, Shelburne Falls.
Mount Tom, Holyoke.
Occidental, Stockbridge.
Oriental, Edgartown.
Pacific, Amherst.
Pythagorean, Marion.
Saggahew, Haverhill.
Spencer, Spencer.
Thomas, Palmer.
Upton, Cheshire.
Williams, Williamstown.
Wisdom, West Stockbridge.

The following eleven Lodges do not appear to have been represented during the past two years: —

Bay State, Montague.
Evening Star, Lee.
Globe, Hinsdale.
Harmony, Northfield.
Oriental, Edgartown.
Mountain, Shelburne Falls.
Pacific, Amherst.
Thomas, Palmer.
Upton, Cheshire.
Williams, Williamstown.
Wisdom, West Stockbridge.

The following eight Lodges do not appear to have been represented during the past three years: —

Bay State, Montague.
Globe, Hinsdale.
Mountain, Shelburne Falls.
Pacific, Amherst.
Thomas, Palmer.
Upton, Cheshire.
Williams, Williamstown.
Wisdom, West Stockbridge.

The latest printed Proceedings of the following Grand Lodges have been received at the office of the Recording Grand Secre-

tary, and due acknowledgments forwarded therefor, during the past year: —

ALABAMA.	KANSAS.	NEW YORK.
ARKANSAS.	LOUISIANA.	NORTH CAROLINA.
BRITISH COLUMBIA.	MAINE.	OHIO.
CALIFORNIA.	MANITOBA.	OREGON.
CANADA.	MARYLAND.	PRINCE EDW'D ISLAND.
CONNECTICUT.	MICHIGAN.	PENNSYLVANIA.
DAKOTA.	MINNESOTA.	QUEBEC.
DELAWARE.	MISSISSIPPI.	RHODE ISLAND.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.	MISSOURI.	TENNESSEE.
ENGLAND.	MONTANA.	TEXAS.
FLORIDA.	NEBRASKA.	UTAH.
GEORGIA.	NEVADA.	VERMONT.
IDAHO.	NEW BRUNSWICK.	WASH'N TERRITORY.
ILLINOIS.	NEW HAMPSHIRE.	WEST VIRGINIA.
INDIANA.	NEW JERSEY.	WISCONSIN.
INDIAN TERRITORY.	NEW MEXICO.	WYOMING.
IOWA.		

Charters have been executed for the following Lodges during the past year: —

Lodge.	*Location.*	*Date of Precedence.*	*Date of Charter.*
MECHANICS	Turner's Falls	Jan. 18, 1878.	March 12, 1879.
NOQUOCHOKE	Westport	Sept. 11, 1878.	Sept. 10, 1879.

Diplomas have been issued from the office of the Recording Grand Secretary during the past year, as follows: —

	Master Masons.	Past Masters.
District No. 1	58	10
" No. 2	70	14
" No. 3	57	4
" No. 4	67	1
" No. 5	38	2

	Master Masons.	Past Masters.
District No. 6	50	2
" No. 7	52	1
" No. 8	59	10
" No. 9	56	12
" No. 10	124	9
" No. 11	75	9
" No. 12	45	0
" No. 13	33	3
" No. 14	74	9
" No. 15	46	10
" No. 16	22	4
" No. 17	32	5
" No. 18	22	9
" No. 19	58	9
Chili District	12	0
	1,050	143

TRACY P. CHEEVER,
Recording Grand Secretary.

At fifty minutes past five o'clock, P.M., the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

A procession was then formed by the Acting Grand Marshal, and the Brethren were conducted to the Banquet Hall, where the Feast of Saint John the Evangelist was duly celebrated in ancient form after the manner of Masons.

At forty-five minutes past eight o'clock, P.M., the Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, the Mystic Circle was formed, Auld Lang Syne was sung, and the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

A true abstract from the Records.

Attest:

Tracy P. Cheever

Recording Grand Secretary.

THE GRAND FEAST.

After the ceremonies attending the installation of the elected and appointed officers of the M.W. Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts were concluded, a procession was formed by the R.W. acting Grand Marshal, and the members of the Grand Lodge ascended to the Banquet-Hall of the temple, for the purpose of partaking of the customary Feast of Saint John the Evangelist.

The Brethren remained standing around the tables while the divine blessing was invoked by the M.W. Grand Master.

Seats were then taken, and the sumptuous banquet, spread by Messrs Hall & Whipple, of Boston, engaged the animated attention of the Brethren for a time sufficient to satisfy their appetite in this direction, when the Grand Master invited them to rise and drink the regular toasts, viz.: —

1st. The holy Saints John, may we ever revere their memories and emulate their virtues.

2d. To the memory of our illustrious Brother George Washington.

The Brethren resumed their seats, and the Grand Master arose and addressed them in his usual energetic and felicitous manner, referring to the Masonic interest and importance of this Festival to the entire Fraternity, and comprehending also in his remarks matters of special interest to the Brethren of this jurisdiction.

The Feast proceeded, and the Brethren were further instructed and entertained by P.G. Masters, Percival L. Everett, Wlliam Parkman, and William Sewell Gardner, R.W. Bros. Charles L. Woodbury, Abraham H. Howland, Jr., Edward Avery, and W. Bros. Edward Stearns, and Alfred F. Chapman. The wit, wisdom, and eloquence of these distinguished Brethren illumined the festival with a rare intellectual and Masonic brightness, and the members of the Grand Lodge enjoyed the Feast of their Patron Saint in that zealous, yet well-tempered mood, which seems to have descended to this generation from the Fathers who first celebrated it under the gavel of Henry Price.

At the close of the addresses, the Brethren, under the guidance of R.W. John B. Thayer, united in singing "Auld Lang Syne," and after drinking the health of "Our Brethren throughout the world," separated in peace and harmony.

APPENDIX,

CONTAINING

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS, ABSTRACTS OF RETURNS OF LODGES, LODGES IN MASONIC DISTRICTS, LIST OF LODGES, WORSHIPFUL MASTERS AND SECRETARIES, PAST OFFICERS AND PERMANENT MEMBERS, AND ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND LODGE FOR 1880.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

BOSTON, November 24, 1879.

CHARLES A. WELCH, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — I have the honor of submitting to you, at this time, my report of the condition of the Lodges in the First District.

During the past year I have made unofficial visits to nearly all the Lodges, and from a very intimate acquaintance with their workings can truly report harmony as the prevailing spirit in all. During this and the preceding months I have made official visits, as the representative of the M.W. Grand Master, to all but one of the Lodges. On the evening selected for my visit to Columbian Lodge I was confined to my bed by sickness, and requested W. Bro. Samuel W. Creech, Jr., P.M. of Massachusetts Lodge, to attend in my place. This he very kindly consented to do, and very ably attended to the duties of the office, making quite a favorable report on the condition of that Lodge.

The Records and Charters of all the Lodges I find to be properly kept and carefully preserved. The By-Laws in most cases have not been changed during the year, and in those cases which have been amended, the changes bear the seal of approval of the M.W. Grand Lodge.

The new tax has been the important question before the Lodges, and I am most happy to report that in all of them the matter has been treated with a loyal desire to assist the M.W.

Grand Lodge by commuting. Already five Lodges, with a membership of 778, have taken action to place the amount of their proportion at the service of the Grand Lodge. Action in the remainder of the Lodges will probably be finally taken at their Annual Communications in December. Already in two of these Lodges full fifty per cent. of their members have signified their intention to pay in full on demand, and by January 1st I think ninety per cent. of the $21,580, due from the First District, will have been provided for.

This result is due to the interest taken in the matter by the Masters of the various Lodges, and the belief on the part of the members that it is not only their duty to assist the M.W. Grand Lodge, but that they themselves are to receive the benefits, either in their own lives, or in the persons of their children; that all the Masons in Massachusetts are equally interested, and that the Grand Lodge is not a separate institution, but a part of Masonry responsible to every individual member.

Work in all the Lodges in this District is very correctly and impressively rendered, and although the number of candidates shows quite a decrease from that of last year, yet the Brethren push forward earnestly, with a firm belief in better times and brighter prospects. The finances of the Lodges have been most carefully attended to, and expenses reduced as much as possible, so that, even with smaller incomes, many of the Lodges show a gain in their assets at the close of the year.

The following table will show the attendance at each of my official visits, and will not vary greatly from the average attendance of the year: —

Lodges.	Total Membership.	Members Present.	Visitors Present.
Columbian	277	58	22
St. Andrew	31	22	23
Winslow Lewis	64	15	21
Mt. Lebanon	301	70	39
Aberdour	75	22	25

Lodges.	Total Membership.	Members Present.	Visitors Present.
Eleusis	60	22	9
Germania	81	22	42
Joseph Warren	402	57	47
St. John's	322	49	16
Revere	204	30	15
Joseph Webb	82	50	75
Zetland	63	20	4
Massachusetts	196	45	48

I have granted no Dispensations this year.

In my official visits I have been accompanied by the Masters and many Past Masters of the First Masonic District, to all of whom I am much indebted for the fraternal kindness which has met me in every Lodge, and caused me to feel quite at home in a new position.

I also desire to return my thanks to W. Bros. John L. Stevenson and Samuel W. Creech, Jr., for the able manner in which they have filled the offices, respectively, of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. To W. Bro. John H. Lakin, who has accompanied me in all my visits, I am under great obligations for the skill and capacity he has shown in the character of Grand Marshal, and for the faithful discharge of all the minor duties and details of that position.

To you, Most Worshipful, I also tender my sincere thanks for the honor conferred upon Mt. Lebanon Lodge by the selection of one of her Past Masters to represent you in this District; and also to express my own personal appreciation of the privilege of being of service to yourself and the M.W. Grand Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

ALBERT L. RICHARDSON,
D.D.G.M. First Masonic District.

SECOND DISTRICT.

CAMBRIDGE, December 4, 1879.

To CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts* : —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — Herewith I submit my first annual report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Masonic District. I have, during the autumn, visited, in my official capacity, the eleven Lodges in this District (ten constituted, and Soley Lodge under Dispensation), and it gives me great pleasure to report that I found the Charters of the several Lodges in a good state of preservation, properly attested, and bearing the seal of the Grand Lodge, the By-Laws generally admirably adapted to the business and government of the Lodges, and having the approval of the Grand Lodge; though in most instances the record and date of such approval did not appear in the By-Laws, but in such cases the Worshipful Masters assured me that they had been approved. The Records I considered it my duty to examine only for the past year, and found them properly and neatly kept, in most cases with full marginal notes, making them very convenient for reference. The returns to the Grand Lodge were ready and apparently correct. The work exhibited in the several Lodges was rendered in a manner reflecting great credit on the Worshipful Masters and the subordinate officers, and, although it was uniformly good, I noticed that nearly every Lodge excelled in some particular part of the work, and recommended frequent visits of the officers to other Lodges in order to adopt any forms they regarded as improvements on their own. In several of the Lodges the interest and impressiveness of the work were greatly enhanced by the introduction of excellent music, and I regard the services of a good choir as indispensable to the rendering of the work of the several degrees in their *full* beauty and impressiveness. I noticed in two or three Lodges departures from Grand Lodge require-

ments in the matter of regalia; but inasmuch as such regalia had been adopted previous to my appointment, I made no allusion to the subject in open Lodge. The present ritual of the Grand Lodge is closely adhered to, and I assure you that there exists among the Lodges of the Second District very much of that commendable "emulation of who best can work," and the cordial greetings given in all the Lodges to visiting officers and Brethren evidenced the existence of the most friendly relations. I also desire to allude to the fact (which I regard as highly creditable to the Lodges) that in no instance was any intoxicating beverage furnished at any of their banquets.

As you requested, I alluded in every Lodge to the new capitation tax, and expressed your pleasure and satisfaction at the readiness with which the Lodges generally were responding to the call of the Grand Lodge for aid to discharge its obligations; and nowhere in the Second District was there any expressed opposition to the tax, and I certainly feel proud of the Lodges in my jurisdiction.

I have granted one Dispensation to confer a degree out of the regular order, and referred one application to the M.W. Grand Master, and approved the application of Soley Lodge for a "Dispensation."

As your representative I have everywhere been most cordially received, and each of the Lodges has done all it could to make my duties easy and pleasant. I acknowledge my obligations to those Brethren who have served as members of my suite, and assisted in the performance of my official duties. Most sincerely do I thank you for my appointment to the honorable and important position of District Deputy Grand Master, which has afforded me the opportunity of making these pleasant visits among the Lodges.

Fraternally and respectfully yours,

JONA. BIGELOW,
D.D.G.M. Second Masonic District.

THIRD DISTRICT.

BOSTON, December 1, 1879.

M. W. CHARLES A. WELCH, *G.M. of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Mass.:* —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — I have the honor to submit to you my first annual report of the condition of the Lodges composing the Third Masonic District.

I have been unable to visit the several Lodges as often as I wished, having made to most of them only the usual annual official visitation. This I have done with a full suite in every instance, and it gives me great pleasure to say, that, as your representative, I have in all cases been received with a hearty cordiality and a marked degree of respect.

The Charters are well preserved, the Records in all cases very full, and kept in a neat and orderly manner, and the By-Laws all have the approval of the Grand Lodge.

I have taken great pleasure in witnessing the work, which has been, without material exception, in accordance with that laid down by the Grand Lodge. While it is very desirable to have the degrees conferred in exact conformity to "Grand Lodge work," in my opinion the "spirit" should not be sacrificed to the "letter," and I have therefore urged the importance of conferring the degrees in a dignified, impressive, earnest, and natural manner, rather than of securing *absolute* perfection in the ritual, and I am very happy to be able to say, however, that in both respects, every Lodge in the District has attained a high degree of excellence.

Although there has not been a large amount of work done, as a whole, the Lodges are in a prosperous condition, with a good future before them. I have granted but one Dispensation, to confer the third degree in a case where the candidate was about to leave the jurisdiction to be absent for several months.

The financial condition of the Grand Lodge is, I think, pretty well understood, and while perhaps not more than one of the

Lodges will commute, the capitation tax will be paid without much objection.

The following table will give you the membership and number of members and visitors present at each visitation: —

Lodges.	Number of Members.	Members Present.	Visitors Present.
Lafayette	90	31	13
Adelphi	115	32	33
Gate of the Temple	151	29	23
Temple	104	27	17
Saint Paul's	212	68	59
Washington	240	62	25
Elliot	71	30	58
Hammatt	109	34	25
Union	164	35	29
Baalbec	124	40	41
Rabboni	82	26	29
Mount Tabor	275	51	19

I desire to acknowledge my indebtedness to W. Bro. John Pierce, Otis Eddy, and Thos. F. Temple, of Union Lodge, who have served respectively as Treasurer, Secretary, and Marshal at each visitation, and whose valuable assistance has been rendered in a cheerful and agreeable manner.

You will permit me, M.W., to thank you for the honor conferred upon me by my appointment, and believe me,

Fraternally, your obedient servant,

Wm. H. West,

D.D.G.M. Third Masonic District.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

SOUTH NATICK, November 28, 1879.

M. W. CHAS. A. WELCH, *Grand Master:* —

DEAR SIR, — I have the honor to submit the following report of my official acts for the past Masonic year.

I have personally visited and inspected each of the Masonic Lodges within my jurisdiction.

The Charters I have found carefully preserved.

The By-Laws were in due form.

The Records were neatly kept, and were sufficiently full.

The Returns were correct, after some slight changes.

The Grand Lodge tax was promptly paid.

I have witnessed a specimen of work in each Lodge, in all cases but one, with duly elected candidates. A generous rivalry in perfecting the work exists throughout the District, and the result has been most gratifying. A marked improvement is noticeable everywhere, and in four instances the exemplification of the Ritual was as nearly perfect as human intellect could make it, while in all the Lodges it was creditable.

The amount of work done is somewhat less than in the preceding year; but the returns show a fair amount, and the Lodges at least hold their own in membership.

I would again thank my efficient Marshal, W. Bro. G. H. L. Gleason, for his valuable services, and also the other Brethren who have at different times accompanied me on my suite.

In every instance I have been received with the respect due to your Deputy in the Lodge-room, and with that true Masonic hospitality in the banquet-hall for which the Fourth Masonic District is noted, and my official visits have in every instance been most enjoyable.

Thanking you, Most Worshipful, for the renewed expression of your confidence in my reappointment as your Deputy, I have the honor to be,

With respect, yours most sincerely,

G. J. TOWNSEND,
D.D.G.M. Fourth Masonic District.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

BEVERLY, December 6, 1879.

To CHARLES A. WELCH, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR, — Having been honored by you with the appointment of District Deputy for the Fifth Masonic District, it becomes my duty, at the close of the Masonic year, to report to you an account of my doings. I have officially visited the Lodges in the District, and have carefully examined their Charters, By-Laws, and Records, and also received the Grand Lodge returns and dues.

I found in each Lodge the Charter carefully preserved, and their Records neatly and carefully kept, and their proceedings substantially in accordance with the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

In many of the Lodges I witnessed an exemplification of the work, which in nearly every instance was creditably performed, while in some there was a degree of excellence which it would be difficult to surpass. There has been no discord throughout the District, but peace and harmony prevail to an unusual degree among the Brethren. My intercourse with the officers and members of the Lodges has been of the most agreeable character, and my official position as District Deputy has been cheerfully recognized by the Brethren.

I have granted Dispensations only in two instances, — each to confer the third degree, — without waiting the time required by the Constitutions. The emergencies in each case seemed to justify me in so doing. Before closing I wish to express my thanks to the Brethren who have accompanied me as members of my suite, being indebted particularly to Worshipful Bro. Isaac H. Edgett, who so admirably performed the duties of Marshal.

Thanking you for the honor conferred by you in my appointment to this position of trust,

I remain fraternally yours, JOHN B. HILL,
D.D.G.M. Fifth Masonic District.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

LAWRENCE, MASS., December 1, 1879.

CHAS. A. WELCH, ESQ., *Most Worshipful Grand Master:* —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — Herewith is submitted my second annual report. I have visited each of the Lodges in the District, and as your representative have on every occasion, been received with the utmost courtesy. I find the several Charters well preserved, the Records neatly kept, the By-Laws approved by the Grand Lodge; the work of the officers of the Lodges, with a few exceptions, faithfully and correctly rendered, and I have the receipt of the Grand Treasurer for the Grand Lodge dues. The quantity of work done during the year falls a little below that of last year, but I believe the percentage of loss in the District is not greater than the average loss throughout the jurisdiction. I have granted one Dispensation to confer a degree out of the regular course. In this case the candidate had received the first degree and removed some distance, and after a lapse of three months desired to return and receive the remaining degrees. I have also in several instances refused to grant Dispensations, the reasons given being, in my judgment, insufficient. I am under great obligations to the several Brethren who accompanied me during the visitations, and especially to W. Bro. Merrill N. Howe, for the able manner in which he discharged the duties of Marshal.

Accept my heartfelt thanks for the opportunity you have afforded me to make the acquaintance of the Brethren in the District. I can never forget their many acts of kindness and brotherly affection; and, with the highest esteem for yourself and best wishes for the prosperity ot the Grand Lodge, I am

Yours truly and fraternally,

THOMAS LEYLAND,
D.D.G.M. Sixth Masonic District.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

CLINTON, November 29, 1879.

To CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, ESQ., *Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — I have the honor herewith to submit the report of the District Deputy Grand Master for the Seventh Masonic District for the year about closing.

Unexpectedly honored by your appointment to this office, and some years having expired since I passed the Chair, it was out of deference to the opinion and earnest solicitation of some of the prominent Brethren of the District, rather than from any conscious personal qualification I possess, that I was induced to hazard my own reputation, as well as that of your administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge, by assuming the duties of so responsible a position.

The high reputation of my immediate predecessor for that zeal and ability with which he disseminates the genuine principles of our Institution, led me to hope that while the contrast must be great, the Lodges in the District being in such comparatively perfect working order would not suffer even in inexperienced hands for one year.

I have visited the nine Lodges composing this District, and every Lodge has received me with marked kindness and consideration as your representative, and what I undertook tremblingly as a duty, the Brethren, by their thoughtfulness and kindness, converted into a pleasure.

I found the Charters of the Lodges well cared for, and their By-Laws in every instance save one, — that of Charles W. Moore Lodge, which is now before you for approval, — approved by the Grand Lodge. The Records of the Lodges are well kept, and some of them are marvels of neatness and beauty. The Returns to the Grand Lodge have been in readiness, and the dues promptly paid in every instance.

The work, as far as I have witnessed it, was uniformly good. I have not been as exacting in requiring an exemplification of the work, on the evening of my official visit, where the Lodge had made other arrangements, as I should have been had I entertained any doubt of the character of the work of the Lodges of this District.

I have installed the officers in five of the Lodges in the District, four on evenings of my official visit, and those of St. Paul Lodge in the afternoon of the day upon which occurs its annual dinner. The presence of the wives and daughters of the members added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

I have had but one application for a Dispensation, and that was from the W.M. of Ancient York Lodge, for permission to comply with the request of friends, to inter, with the formalities of the Order, a Brother of his Lodge, who had suddenly died without expressing any wish in regard to the service. The case not admitting of delay, even for conference with others, I granted the request.

I wish to acknowledge my obligation to the Brethren who have so kindly assisted me in making my official visitations, and especially to Bro. Lucius Field, Past High Priest of Clinton Chapter, who has so faithfully served as Grand Marshal throughout the year.

Thanking you, Most Worshipful, for the honor you have conferred upon me by making me your Deputy for the Seventh District for the past year, and assuring you that I shall ever remember with pleasure my official connection with the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and the Brethren of the Seventh Masonic District,

I remain fraternally yours,

D. B. Ingalls,

D.D.G.M. Seventh Masonic District.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

ATHOL, November 28, 1879.

To CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:—*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have the honor herewith to submit my third annual report.

I have officially visited each of the eleven Lodges of the District, with the exception of two, Star and Bethel. These I was obliged to omit on account of illness. W. Bro. E. Smith acted for me on these occasions, and gave me favorable reports of their circumstances.

Having become somewhat familiar with the Lodges and their membership, it gives me great pleasure to report them to be generally in a satisfactory state and fair condition.

The work, on the whole, is an improvement on former years, which is doubtless owing in a measure to an exemplification held in the body of Star Lodge, February 14, 1879, and conducted by W. Bro. Thos. Waterman, Grand Lecturer. There was a very large attendance, and much interest and thoughtful and critical attention were given to the work and lectures so ably demonstrated by Bro. Waterman.

Aside from improvement in the work, this meeting must be productive of great good in cementing the bonds of brotherly love and friendship. It seems to be the general idea of the Brethren of these Lodges, that an exemplification of the work should be given annually in the District. That such an arrangement would result in much benefit there can be no doubt.

Harmony and concord now reign in all the Lodges; the troubles which so seriously disturbed one of them being completely and happily settled, and in a manner exceedingly creditable to all concerned.

The readjustment of the indebtedness of the Grand Lodge, so successfully planned and wisely executed, receives nearly or quite the unanimous approval of the Fraternity in this District.

The situation seems to be intelligently recognized and accepted, and none of those unpleasant consequences in action or feeling have followed which were so freely predicted. On the contrary, the crisis has created and cemented an affection and loyalty to the Grand Lodge unknown before, and the relations of each to the other are better understood and appreciated.

In retiring from this position I wish to express in the strongest manner possible my appreciation of the honor conferred by the appointment, and the uniform kindness and courtesy displayed by you in all our relations.

In bidding farewell to the Brethren of the Eighth District, I would that I had words to fitly express my feelings. My visits to them have been a pleasure to me, and I shall look back to them as among the pleasant experiences of my life. Many pleasant aquaintances have been made, many valued friendships formed, which shall never be surrendered or forgotten. To all the Fraternity, including them; to my associates in the Grand Lodge, with yourself, M.W. Grand Master, may the Benediction come, with all it implies: "May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons. May Brotherly Love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us."

I have the honor, my dear sir, to be

Fraternally yours,

H. M. Humphrey,
D.D.G.M. Eighth Masonic District.

NINTH DISTRICT.

Pittsfield, November 28, 1879.

Charles Alfred Welch, Esq., *M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:* —

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother, — I have the honor to submit herewith my first report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Ninth Masonic District.

I have officially visited all the Lodges in this District, and find the Lodges doing about the same amount of work as last year, numerically, and most of them are rendering their work in a very satisfactory manner. Some of them, I dare say, are working as near the standard as any Lodges in the State, while two, I am sorry to report, are very deficient; but I hope that my advice and counsel to them will be beneficial. Owing to the financial condition of the members, there have been more suspensions from membership on account of non-payment of dues than I was pleased to see, and with suspensions, demits, and deaths, the membership of the District is somewhat less than one year ago; but I feel confident that, with the improvement of business, Masonry will also improve. I have found the Charters in a good state of preservation and the Records very fully, neatly, and accurately kept.

The Lodges have exemplified one of the three degrees, at the time of my visitation, and I have installed the officers of three of the Lodges. I have granted but one Dispensation, and that to Mystic Lodge, to convene its members for the purpose of paying the last sad rites of the living for the dead, and of burying a member of their own Lodge, Bro. Daniel H. Bassett, who made the request before he passed away, and was buried with the usual Masonic ceremonies, Oct. 29, 1879.

I have made it a point to ascertain of each Lodge the feeling of its members in relation to the new Grand Lodge tax, and am happy to report that a large proportion will pay the commutation of $10, and the remainder will pay one dollar a year. The demits on account of said tax will be quite small, in my opinion.

The Lodges have generally been prompt in having their returns ready, and ready to pay the Grand Lodge dues, and I have paid the whole amount, $1,070, to the Grand Treasurer.

In concluding my report, I wish to express my thanks to some of the members of my suite, who accompanied me on most of my visits, Bros. Day and Merrill, who acted as Treasurer and Secretary, and more especially to W. Bro. Geo. C. Hall,

who has very efficiently performed the duties of Marshal at all of my official visitations.

Thanking you for the honor of this appointment,

I am very truly and fraternally yours,

WM. H. MURRAY,
D.D.G.M. Ninth Masonic District.

TENTH DISTRICT.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., November 14, 1879.

To the M. W. CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, *Grand Master:* —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — Herewith I submit my report as District Deputy for the Tenth District.

I have officially visited all the Lodges under my care, and find them in excellent condition, prosperous and united. The first statement, however, should be partially qualified as regards one Lodge, which, owing to the removal from town of its Master and Senior Warden, had, as a matter of course, lost its interest. As this Lodge has heretofore presented good work for inspection, I have no doubt that after the annual election the interest of the members will revive.

The work, with hardly an exception, was very creditable to the officers, and was closely and impressively rendered, and the criticisms demanded were generally of an unimportant character.

On the 29th of January I dedicated the new Hall of Morning Sun Lodge, of Conway, to the purposes of Masonry, in due form. My suite was composed of officers and members of Jerusalem Lodge. We were hospitably entertained by the members of Morning Sun Lodge, and the occasion was one long to be remembered by those present and participating in the ceremonies.

On the 17th of September, at the request of the Master-elect, I installed the officers of Mount Moriah Lodge, Westfield.

I have granted Dispensations for conferring the degrees within the Masonic limit in three instances. In each case the first

degree had been conferred, and more than a week's interval was taken between the second and third degrees. Long absence from home furnished the reason for granting the indulgence, and in one of these cases you signified your approval of my course.

The Charters were found to be well preserved; one, the oldest, bearing the historic name of Paul Revere as Grand Master. The Records are full and complete, and generally very neatly written. The By-Laws appear to have all the approved amendments incorporated in their proper places.

The attendance has been quite full; many members from neighboring Lodges have also been present. The interchanging of visits among the members of the several Lodges is steadily increasing, and is one reason for the harmony and good fellowship prevailing, and for the accurate work and increased interest manifested.

The number of initiates this year is eighty-six, — an increase of two over the previous year, — and the amount of annual dues to Grand Lodge is also larger than last year.

I have endeavored in all my visits to create a greater interest among the members in the matter of promptly paying our proportion of the debt on the Temple.

The two visits you kindly made in this District were of great advantage to several Lodges, and I trust that the Tenth District will make a good report for itself in this matter at the close of the next Masonic year.

As your representative, I have been received with great cordiality; all information asked for has been cheerfully given; the general air of peace and prosperity, and the hearty greetings have made my visits even more a matter of pleasure than of duty.

Appreciating the honor of the appointment as one of your Deputies, and trusting that my doings will meet with your approval, I am, my dear sir,

Yours, sincerely and fraternally,

WILLIAM C. ROBINSON,
D.D.G.M. Tenth Masonic District.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

WORCESTER, December 1, 1879.

To CHARLES A. WELCH, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BRO., — Again it is my pleasant duty to submit the annual returns of Lodges in the Eleventh District, and to offer my report for the year as District Deputy.

In closing this, my fifth term of service, my mind reverts to the first experiences as Deputy, to the then standing and condition of the several Lodges forming this District; and comparing them with the present it is gratifying to notice the progress made. Some, laboring from the burden of debt and want of interest among the members, have struggled for an existence, and are now made strong by a better state of their finances and increased attendance at the meetings. Others, suffering from dissensions and lack of harmony, feeling keenly the effects of such troubles, have settled their differences, and united for the advancement and dissemination of the true principles of our Order.

The finances of the Grand Lodge have been generously discussed, and in due time it will appear that we will zealously uphold and maintain the honor of our Grand Lodge.

I have granted during the year two Dispensations for the conferring of degrees in less than the constitutional times, but only after giving the cases careful consideration and believing the circumstances warranted the request.

Nothing of special interest has occurred, but a safe and quiet growth of sentiment in the hearts of the Brethren seems to prevail. No cases of complaint or dissatisfaction have come to my notice. Love and harmony rule supreme. So may it long continue.

In accordance with your views and wishes, as expressed before the Board of Deputies, I have made the expenses of

official visitation as light as possible, materially reduced the usual necessary amount, and believe it has been done without lowering the dignity and importance of the Grand Lodge.

I am ever grateful for your second appointment; the five years of service in this capacity have been replete with pleasure and profit to myself, and I hope and trust with some gain to our Institution.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

CHARLES W. MOODY,
D.D.G.M. Eleventh Masonic District.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

SOUTH FRAMINGHAM, November 24, 1879.

CHARLES A. WELCH, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — Another year is drawing to a close, and I am reminded that I must render an account of my stewardship.

The Lodges in this District, I am pleased to say, are all in a prosperous condition, and although the membership has not materially increased, still there seems to be more interest manifested by the members than in the previous year.

I have officially visited all but three of the Lodges, and have been received with kindness and courtesy, and the officers have shown that they desire to render respect and obedience to the Grand Lodge. I was obliged to delegate Worshipful Brother Wm. H. Chenery to visit John Warren Lodge, on account of my sickness. I invited W. Bro. O. B. Seagrave to visit Blackstone River and Mumford River Lodges, as they were at the extreme western part of the District, and, by so doing, a saving in expense was effected.

To W. Bros. W. H. Chenery and O. B. Seagrave I desire to

extend my thanks for their kindness, and particularly to W. Bro. Chenery, who has acted as Marshal in all my visitations.

In closing, allow me to congratulate you on the harmony and good feeling existing towards the Grand Lodge throughout this District, and once more to thank you for the honor you have conferred on me in my second appointment to the office.

I remain very truly and fraternally yours,

WM. H. PHIPPS,
D.D.G.M. Twelfth Masonic District.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

DEDHAM, November 29, 1879.

To CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, *Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — For the third time I have the honor to submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master of the Thirteenth Masonic District.

I have officially visited the Lodges in this District, and in each have inspected the By-Laws, Records, and mode of work. I have received the returns and dues to the Grand Lodge, and remitted the same to the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.

In one instance, after consultation with you, I have granted a Dispensation for initiation. I have granted no other Dispensation.

In this District the number of candidates for Masonic degrees during the last year has been less than in previous years. Long-continued depression in business, with consequent diminution of incomes, is probably the most prominent cause of this condition of Masonic work. This is, indeed, a cause which should be attended with a contrary effect; for, if ever a worthy, right-minded man derives benefit from Masonic teachings and associa-

tions, it is when surrounding circumstances require of him wise economy and persevering industry. Then it is that such teachings and associations give him wisdom and strength. But such views are little known and less considered by those who are not members of the Fraternity.

As an almost inevitable consequence of a small number of candidates, the work of the Lodges has become less accurate and impressive. It is a matter of regret to me that I am unable to give as favorable a report in this respect as in my two previous reports. I ought, however, to say that in some instances the work has been excellent, and in most cases more worthy, under the circumstances, of commendation than of censure.

I find that in some of our Lodges a considerable number of Brethren have been suspended or discharged for non-payment of dues. But this appears only to have been done after due notice to the Brethren interested of the time and place when their cases would be considered and action taken thereon, and after repeated demands for such dues had been made. And it certainly would seem that by the suspension or discharge of such Brethren the Lodges and the Fraternity at large would be refreshed and strengthened. Such Brethren are like the decaying or unfruitful branches of a tree, sapping its life and distorting its beauty, but subserving no useful purpose. If a Brother is unable to pay his Lodge-dues, the Brethren gladly make haste to remit them. But if he, being able, will not pay them, even the broad mantle of Masonic charity ought not to shield him from that mildest of reproofs, suspension or discharge from membership in his Lodge.

But while I have found by my visitations this year that the Lodges of our District are laboring under these discouragements, I have likewise found them in the hands of earnest, noble-hearted Masons, who are carrying forward the interests of Masonry with unabated zeal, and who look forward to the coming year with high hopes of increasing work and reviving prosperity. I have found the true Masonic spirit pervading every Lodge in our District.

In this, as in previous years, the Brethren everywhere have received me with cordial greetings, and have done all in their power to make my visitation both pleasant and beneficial. To each and all of them it is my desire to return my hearty thanks for the profit and enjoyment (uninterrupted by a single unpleasant occurrence) which, during my three years of official service, I have derived from these visitations.

In closing, I wish to express my sense of the obligation I am under to those who have accompanied me as members of my suite. Especially do I feel it my duty to again mention by name my friend and brother, Edwin A. Brooks, the Secretary of Constellation Lodge, Dedham, who has accompanied me on nearly all my visitations as District Deputy Grand Secretary. His thorough knowledge of the requisites of a proper Masonic record, his long experience as Secretary of Constellation Lodge, his enthusiasm in his work, his unswerving fearlessness in pointing out errors, if any, in the records of Lodges visited, and his willingness to give needed information, have made his assistance invaluable to me; and, knowing that he has often accompanied me at much inconvenience to himself, it gives me great satisfaction to put on record my appreciation of his services.

And now, thanking you most sincerely for the high honor you conferred upon me in appointing me to this responsible trust, and hoping that I may have performed its duties in some manner to the acceptance of my Brethren,

I am very respectfully and fraternally yours,

FREDERICK D. ELY,
D.D.G.M. for the Thirteenth Masonic District.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

NEW BEDFORD, December, 1879.

To CHARLES A. WELCH, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER, — I have the honor herewith to submit my official report for the current year. I have visited officially every Lodge in this District named in my commission, and have received a very cordial welcome from each. I find them in a very harmonious and flourishing condition, although they have done less work than in former years. Their Charters are all in a good state of preservation, and By-Laws have been approved by the Grand Lodge. Their Records, with one or two exceptions, are very full and neatly kept, and their work is good. The following table will show the number of members and visitors present at my official visitations and the average attendance during the past year: —

	Members.	Visitors.	Total.	Av. Attendance.
Union	21	—	21	22
Marine	20	3	23	16
Star in the East	52	26	78	36
Mount Hope	62	13	75	35
Eureka	17	35	52	31
Martha's Vineyard	10	5	15	12
Pythagorean	10	5	15	14
Pioneer	13	3	16	11
May Flower	33	7	40	21
King Philip	49	21	70	24
Oriental	11	7	18	11
Concordia	23	28	51	21
Narragansett	26	24	50	24

I have endeavored to impress upon the Lodges the advantages that will accrue to themselves as well as to the Grand Lodge by

the commutation of the capitation tax as Lodges, and am happy to state that one Lodge, Martha's Vineyard, has already done so, and there is a prospect of several others doing the same.

I wish to extend my thanks to the Brethren who have accompanied me upon my visitation.

And, Most Worshipful, I thank you for the honor you have conferred in appointing me to this office, and hope that my labors will meet your approbation.

I am fraternally yours,

ALBERT H. W. CARPENTER,
D.D.G.M. Fourteenth Masonic District.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

BARNSTABLE, November 29, 1879.

To CHARLES A. WELCH, ESQ., *M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — I herewith respectfully submit my report for the past year as your representative for the Fifteenth Masonic District.

I have visited officially each Lodge in the District, and am gratified in being able to report a degree of harmony and prosperity.

I also find the charters well preserved, by-laws approved by the Grand Lodge, and the records in every instance neatly and fully kept.

I have also witnessed the work of each Lodge, with one exception, with entire satisfaction.

Two Dispensations have been applied for during the year, which have been granted with your permission.

Under a Dispensation granted by you Jan. 8, the several Lodges convened at the Masonic Hall in Sandwich for the purpose of exemplifying the work and lectures of the three degrees,

under the direction of W. Bro. Charles M. Avery, Grand Lecturer. The first degree was exemplified by James Otis Lodge, of Barnstable; the second, by Adams Lodge, of Wellfleet; and the third by King Hiram, of Provincetown; the work was rendered by each Lodge in a very able and satisfactory manner. The meeting was a success, and was fully represented by every Lodge in the District.

I have installed the officers of five Lodges, four of which were public.

I would also extend my heartfelt thanks to the Brethren of this District for the cordial and kindly greetings extended me in my official visits; also to the Brethren who have accompanied me as officers of my suite, and especially to those who have acted as marshals, for their valuable aid rendered me while performing my official duties.

In closing, I would acknowledge the honor you have conferred upon me as your representative, and trust my efforts will meet your approval.

Fraternally yours,

RUSSELL MATTHEWS,
D.D.G.M. Fifteenth Masonic District.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

EAST WEYMOUTH, December 1, 1879.

To CHARLES ALFRED WELCH, *Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — I have the honor to submit herewith my report, as District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixteenth Masonic District, for the past year. It has given me great pleasure to visit officially the Lodges comprised in this District, to renew the friendships formed one year ago, and to feel that my presence was welcome, and that as your representative I have ever been received with courtesy and respect.

In each of the Lodges I have carefully examined the Charters, By-Laws, and Records, and found them in a satisfactory condition. I have received the Returns and Grand Lodge dues from all the Lodges, and transmitted them to the Grand Treasurer. I have also witnessed an exemplification of the work of one of the three degrees in each Lodge, and have found that the officers have lost none of their interest in the work, but show an increasing zeal to render the ritual perfectly, and in the most comprehensive and impressive manner.

I have called the attention of the Lodges to the vote passed by the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in June, in regard to the capitation tax for another term of years, and have suggested the advantages which would follow a commutation of the same, and have found the Lodges in harmony with the Grand Lodge, loyal to its interests and anxious for its prosperity.

I have granted one Dispensation to work the third degree out of regular time.

The following table will show the membership and attendance of the Lodges as compared with that of last year: —

Name of Lodge.	Number of Members. 1878–79.	Number of Meetings. 1878–79.	Average Attendance. 1878–79.	Members Present at Visitation. 1878–79.	Visitors Present. 1878–79.
Old Colony	101–97	16–17	32–32	47–40	35–12
Corner Stone	67–64	15–15	18–24	42–29	28–22
Orphan's Hope	167–170	14–16	43–43	83–77	37–52
Plymouth	136–128	31–25	18–21	40–31	20–16
John Cutler	119–117	14–13	18–20	42–27	28–17
Konohassett	71–71	12–12	18–14	20–44	40–5
Delta	107–108	15–14	29–27	35–50	49–50
Puritan	103–107	18–17	22–21	43–57	19–50
Phœnix	51–50	12–15	15–15	26–30	25–29
Satuit	40–41	17–14	21–17	31–20	58–22

To the Brethren throughout the District, and especially those

who have accompanied and assisted me in the discharge of my official duties, I return my sincere thanks for the kindness shown me. The friendships formed and pleasant associations which have been maintained during the past two years I trust may be continued while life lasts.

Thanking you, Most Worshipful, for the honor conferred upon me by your favor, I am compelled, by the duties before me, to decline a reappointment. I remain, with great respect,

Truly and fraternally yours,

LEAVITT BATES,
D.D.G.M. Sixteenth Masonic District.

SEVENTEENTH DISTRICT.

LEXINGTON, November 29, 1879.

To CHARLES A. WELCH, ESQ., *M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts:* —

DEAR SIR AND M.W. BROTHER, — I have the honor to herewith submit my report as District Deputy Grand Master for the Seventeenth Masonic District.

I have visited officially each of the Lodges in this District, and I am pleased to be able to report that, considering the financial depression under which we have been so long laboring, the cause of Masonry is in a satisfactory condition. In only one instance has there been any indication of discouragement, and even in this Lodge the revival of business is already felt.

The work exhibited to me in the different Lodges has been generally accurate, and in many cases very impressively rendered.

The matter of the capitation tax, levied on the members of the Fraternity at the meeting of the Grand Lodge in June last, has been fully discussed, and although there have been differences of opinion in regard to the manner of meeting the debt of the

Fraternity, the Lodges, without exception, cheerfully acquiesce in the decision of the Grand Lodge, and a considerable effort will be made to commute the tax according to the provisions of the vote.

Mount Hermon Lodge, of Medford, has already taken the lead, and commuted the tax for its whole membership.

In one instance, after consultation with you, I have granted a Dispensation to confer the Fellow Craft Degree out of the regular course.

The following table will show the number of members and visiting Brethren present at the time of my official visits, also the number of meetings held by each Lodge during the year, and the average attendance at these meetings: —

	No. of Members Present.	No. of Visitors Present.	No of Meetings.	Average Attendance.
Hiram	35	29	8	30
Mount Horeb . . .	41	29	10	39
Mount Hermon . .	40	13	10	33
Charity	38	14	15	20
Good Samaritan . .	19	8	9	12
King Cyrus	28	6	12	—
S. W. Robinson . .	29	21	10	18
Wyoming	22	10	10	—
Wm. Parkman . . .	43	27	8	20
Mount Vernon . . .	33	26	11	42

I am indebted to the honor of your appointment for many pleasant occasions, and for the formation of an extended and very agreeable Masonic acquaintance.

Fraternally yours,

A. E. Scott,

D.D.G.M. Seventeenth Masonic District.

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT.

PALMER, December 18, 1879.

To M. W. CHARLES A. WELCH, *Grand Master:* —

DEAR SIR, — In the discharge of my duties under the appointment with which you honored me I have visited the several Lodges in the Eighteenth District. Some of them I have visited twice. I am very glad to report that I have been received with courtesy and respect, as your representative. I have found the Lodges in good condition. Harmony and good-fellowship prevail throughout our borders. The quality of the work is good. I find the Brethren approve the course adopted for the payment of the Grand Lodge debt. Each visit I have made has afforded me much pleasure. I have met Brethren whom I have known many years, have formed new acquaintances among the Craft, and feel more strongly than ever the beauty and worth of the ties that bind together our great brotherhood. I am under obligations to Bro. S. S. Taft, of Palmer, for efficient aid as Marshal during most of my visits. Thanking you for the pleasant opportunities you have afforded me by your appointment, I remain,

Truly and fraternally yours,

GEORGE ROBINSON,
D.D.G.M. Eighteenth Masonic District.

NINETEENTH DISTRICT.

To Charles Alfred Welch, *M. W. Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:* —

Dear Sir and M.W. Brother, — Another year of my official duty has drawn to a close, and I have the honor to submit my second report as District Deputy of the Ninteenth Masonic District.

I have visited officially, with a full *suite*, the ten Lodges comprising my District, and, upon careful inspection, I found the Charters of the several Lodges in good preservation, the By-Laws approved, and the Records well made and faithfully kept.

I have received full returns from each and every Lodge in the District; also the Grand Lodge dues, and have paid the same to the Grand Treasurer.

My visitations have in every case been most pleasant, and the work as a whole was rendered in a correct and impressive manner. The few errors which occurred in the exemplification of the work in several of the Lodges, I think would not have occurred under the stimulus of legitimate work.

I have granted during the year only one Dispensation to confer the degrees out of the regular course, and that to Fellowship Lodge. The circumstances in this case were brought to your notice, and with your approval I granted the Dispensation.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to repeat what was said in my last report, that nothing has occurred during the year to impair the good feeling and harmony which then existed between the several Lodges of the District.

Before closing, it becomes my painful duty to refer to the recent death of Worshipful Brother John S. Fuller, Past Master of Paul Revere Lodge. He was esteemed by all who enjoyed the pleasure of his acquaintance as a most worthy member of the Masonic Fraternity. He has been summoned away in the midst of his days; but the eye of faith points in his behalf to

brighter scenes. Though dead to earth, he lives, as we trust, in full fruition of the eternal glories of the Lodge Celestial.

In conclusion, I desire to express my thanks to the officers and members of the several Lodges in the District for their uniform kindness and courtesy; to the Brethren who have so kindly accompanied me on my official visits, and especially to Bro. H. C. Alden, and Bro. John H. Field, and W. Bro. N. E. Buck.

Allow me to congratulate you, M.W. Master, upon the general prosperity of the Craft, and to thank you for this mark of your confidence in appointing me to so honorable a position in the Fraternity. I hope that I have fulfilled this trust acceptably, but ill-health compels me to decline a reappointment.

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

FRANK MORTON,
D.D.G.M. Nineteenth Masonic District.

The following table exhibits the number of members and of Communications, with the average attendance for the years 1878 and 1879: —

Name of Lodges.	Av. Attendance.		No. of Members.		No. of Meetings.	
	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.	1879.	1878.
King David . . .	28	33	264	262	37	34
Ionic	21	20	106	109	—	24
Alfred Baylies . .	17$\frac{2}{7}$	19$\frac{5}{8}$	114	116	17	27
Chas. H. Titus . .	19	20	64	58	—	30
Paul Dean . . .	19$\frac{22}{36}$	22	94	90	30	28
Fellowship . . .	24	21	169	174	42	44
St. George . . .	23$\frac{3}{4}$	26	46	43	32	28
Paul Revere . . .	30	33	221	229	28	35
Rural	38	24	144	146	17	14
Norfolk Union . .	24	23$\frac{1}{2}$	75	72	17	23

RETURNS OF LODGES.

FIRST MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Saint John's	Boston.	6	6	6					9	3	322	5		6	1
Saint Andrew's . . .	Boston.									1	31	2			1
Massachusetts . . .	Boston.	5	5	6	1	8	2		3	5	196	6	1	6	1
Columbian	Boston.	5	3	3	1		3		1	13	277	4	1	3	1
Mount Lebanon . . .	Boston.	3	4	4	2		11		8	3	301	9		4	1
Germania	Boston.	1	2	2			12		4	4	81	2		4	1
Winslow Lewis . . .	Boston.	2	2	1			1		1	2	64	1		1	1
Revere	Boston.	5	5	5					2	6	204	4		2	1
Joseph Warren . . .	Boston.	7	6	5	2		7		7	6	402	7		5	
Aberdour	Boston.	2	2	2		2			9	1	75	5		2	
Eleusis	Boston.	2	2	3					2	1	60	4		3	
Zetland	Boston.	4	4	3			2		2	1	63	6		3	
Joseph Webb . . .	Boston.	13	12	12	6				1		82	14		13	1
		55	53	52	12	10	38		49	46	2158	69	2	52	9

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest: ALBERT L. RICHARDSON, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

Names of Masters to whom Past Master's Diplomas have been Granted.

Worshipful Brother MARTIN A. MUNROE, of St. John's.
" HENRY A. WHITNEY, of St. Andrew.
" EDWIN WRIGHT, of Massachusetts.
" FREDERICK ALFORD, of Columbian.
Worshipful Brother CHARLES J. MILLER, of Columbian.
" H. F. EHLERT, of Germania.
" JOHN A. CONKEY, of Winslow Lewis.
" FRANK T. DWINELL, of Revere.

WORSHIPFUL BROTHER DANIEL T. BRIGHAM, of Joseph Webb.

SECOND MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Amicable	Cambridgeport.	12	13	13			1		2	2	189	13		13	1
Faith	Charlestown.	7	8	5	1		1		2		119	9		5	1
Henry Price	Charlestown.	7	7	7					9		219	4		8	1
John Abbott	Somerville.	4	4	4		9			21	4	164	2		4	1
King Solomon's . . .	Charlestown.	4	5	5	2	3			7	3	197	8		5	3
Mount Olivet	Cambridge.	4	8	8	1	5			5	3	112	8		9	1
Palestine	Everett.					2			1		84	1			1
Putnam	East Cambridge.	3	3	3		4				3	126	2		3	2
Robert Lash	Chelsea.	2	2	4		3			5	1	56	1			1
Star of Bethlehem . .	Chelsea.	7	7	4	1	6			3	3	208	3		4	1
Soley, U. D.	Somerville.	12	Under Dispensation.												
		50	57	53	5	32	2		55	19	1474	51		51	13

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest: JONA. BIGELOW, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

Names of Masters to whom Past Master's Diplomas have been Granted.

WM. L. LATHROP, IRA A. WORTH, M. J. FARRELL,

JOHN C. BULLARD, HEMMENWAY, of Soley, formerly of Revere,

EDWARD A. LADD, CHAS. J. RICHARDSON, COLUMBUS COREY,

BENJ. F. DODGE, FRED'K L. CUTTING,

ALFRED C. HALL, WHITNEY, MARDEN, } King Solomon.

THIRD MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Washington	Boston Highlands.	6	5	5	2		12		10	4	240	5		5	
Union	Dorchester.	2	2	2	1					4	164	3	1	2	
Mount Tabor . . .	East Boston.	2	3	4	7	5			1	5	275	5	1	5	
St. Paul's	South Boston.	8	7	7		3	4			4	212	9		7	
Baalbec	East Boston.	8	7	6	2	15				1	124	8		6	
Gate of the Temple .	South Boston.	11	11	11	2	5			4	5	151	11	1	3	
Hammatt	East Boston.	7	7	8	2	2			2	3	109	9	2	8	1
Lafayette	Boston Highlands.	2	3	3		7			5	1	90	4		2	
Adelphi	South Boston.	6	6	6	2				3	2	115	11		6	
Eliot	Jamaica Plain.	7	7	7	2		2		10	1	71	3		7	1
Rabboni	South Boston.	3	3	3					2		82	2		3	
Temple	East Boston.	4	5	4	2	7			5	1	104	4		4	1
		66	66	66	22	44	18		42	31	1737	74	5	58	3

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest: W. H. WEST, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

Names of Masters to whom Past Master's Diplomas have been Granted.

GEORGE E. HARRINGTON, WM. F. SPEAR, THOS. A. HUTCHINS.

FOURTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Charles A. Welch . .	Maynard.	4	4	4		4			1		61	4		4	1
Meridian	Natick.	6	8	12	7		10		4	1	194	15		12	
Corinthian	Concord.	4	4	4	1						70	5		4	
Isaac Parker	Waltham.	2	3	3	2				2		89	4		3	
Pequossette	Watertown.	2	2	2	3		2		1		113	3		2	
Beth-horon	Brookline.	1	1				6		3	1	61	2			
Monitor	Waltham.	5	3	3					7	4	153	5		3	
Bethesda	Brighton.	9	6	6	1				1	1	110	6		6	
Dalhousie	Newtonville.	3	3	4	1				1	3	190	7		4	
Belmont	Belmont.	7	3	3			1		2	1	72	2		3	1
Mizpah	Cambridgeport.	7	7	6					3	1	131	10		6	
Fraternity	Newtonville.								6	1	50	2			
		50	44	47	15	4	19		31	13	1294	65		47	2

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest: GEORGE J. TOWNSEND, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

Names of Masters to whom Past Master's Diplomas have been Granted.

JOHN PROUDMAN, WILLIAM M. NASSAU.

FIFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Tyrian	Gloucester.	3	3	5	1	6			5	5	115	3			
Essex	Salem.	6	6	6	1	4	1		1	3	121	6		6	
Mount Carmel . . .	Lynn.	3	3	2	1		11		1		177	6	1		1
Jordan	Peabody.	1	1	1		10					121	1	2	1	
Liberty	Beverly.	1	1	1		23			4	1	118	3	1		
Ashler	Rockport.	3	3	3	1	30				4	110	8		2	
Amity	Danvers.	6	6	6	1	2			2	2	125	5		1	
Starr King	Salem.	1	2	2	2				3		125	2		2	1
John T. Heard . . .	Ipswich.	2	2	2	1						87	2			
Golden Fleece . . .	Lynn.	4	4	4	6		5				145	6		4	
Acacia	Gloucester.	5	6	4					1	1	93	5			
William Sutton . . .	Saugus.	2	2	1	1		1		2		67	1		1	
Mosaic	Danvers.	1	3	3		1			2	1	59	4		2	
		38	42	40	15	76	18		21	17	1463	52	4	19	2

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Attest: JOHN B. HILL, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

Names of Masters to whom Past Master's Diplomas have been Granted.

CHARLES E. PARSONS, Mount Carmel Lodge, Lynn. ALBERT B. RUSSELL, Starr King Lodge, Salem.

SIXTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Saint John's	Newburyport.	3	5	5					1	1	92	11	3		
Merrimack	Haverhill.	1	1	1	1				4	3	196	2	1	1	1
Saint Mark's	Newburyport.	6	6	6	1	17				1	55	6	3	6	
Warren	Amesbury.					16			3	6	122		2	1	
Saint Matthew's . .	Andover.	3	3	3	2	2			3		94	3	1	7	
Grecian	Lawrence.	5	4	3	1	7			3	4	236	4	2	1	
John Hancock . . .	Methuen.	15	11	8	2	3				1	133	8	2		
Tuscan.	Lawrence.	6	6	6	1	46			1	3	191	7		6	
Saggahew	Haverhill.	3	2		1				8	1	125		1		
C. C. Dame	Georgetown.	3	2	2					1	1	115	2			
Bethany	Merrimac.	2	2	2	1	2				1	106	2		3	1
Phœnician	Lawrence.	5	5	4					1	3	71	5		4	
Cochichewick . . .	No. Andover.	1	4	4	1	1			3	2	63	4		4	
		53	51	45	11	94			23	27	1599	54	15	33	2

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest: THOMAS LEYLAND, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

Names of Masters to whom Past Master's Diplomas have been Granted.

G. V. LADD, O. O. LITTLE.

SEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
St. Paul	Ayer.	1	2	2	1				2		70	3	1	3	
Aurora	Fitchburg.	2	2	2	1				5	4	181	2	4	2	
Pentucket	Lowell.	5	6	6	5				1	2	311	9		2	1
Ancient York. . . .	Lowell.	8	9	10	2				1	3	232	13		7	
Trinity	Clinton.	8	7	7					4	4	154	7		7	
Caleb Butler	Ayer.			2	3					1	95	2	1	2	
Charles W. Moore . .	Fitchburg.	3	2	2	1	2			6	3	98	3			
Kilwinning	Lowell.	9	9	9	1					1	75				
William North . . .	Lowell.	11	13	13	2	2			1	1	195	15		13	
		47	50	53	16	4			20	19	1411	54	6	36	1

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Attest: DANIEL B. INGALLS, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

Name of Master to whom Past Master's Diploma has been Granted.

WESLEY R. BATCHELDER, Pentucket Lodge, Lowell.

EIGHTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Republican	Greenfield.	8	7	5	3	2			10		180	7		5	1
Harmony	Northfield.	2	2	2		22			2		46	2		2	1
Mountain	Shelburne Falls.	3	2	1	2	5			3	1	70	10	5		1
Bethel	Enfield.	2	2	2		4			3		46	2	1		1
Orange	Orange.	7	8	7	1				10		163	8			
Hope	Gardner.	5	5	5	1	8			3	1	103	6	1	4	
Star	Athol.	7	7	8	1				3	1	88	9		8	
Artisan	Winchendon.	4	5	8	1				2	1	72	11		8	
Bay State	Montague.	3	2	3	4				11	1	66	3			1
Athol	Athol.		2	2					6		70	2	1	2	1
Mechanics	Turner's Falls.	8	5	1	2						38	11			1
		49	47	44	15	41			53	5	942	71	8	29	7

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Attest: H. M. HUMPHREY, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

Names of Masters to whom Past Master's Diplomas have been Granted.

JAMES R. LONG, Greenfield,
HARVEY J. EVANS, Northfield,
EDWIN BAKER, Shelburne Falls,
JOHN W. FELTON, Enfield,
DWIGHT C. BANGS, Montague,
JOSEPH H. HASKINS, Athol,
RICHARD N. OAKMAN, Jr., Turner's Falls.

NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-Instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Globe	Hinsdale.	1	1	1	1	1			1		52	1		2	
Berkshire	Adams.	1	1	3							63	3		2	
Greylock	North Adams.	5	6	6	1				3	1	83	5		8	1
Cincinnatus	Great Barrington.	2	4	4					4	3	114	5	1		
Lafayette	North Adams.	4	4	4	1				5	2	122	6	2	6	
Occidental	Stockbridge.	2	2	1					1		30	1		2	
Wisdom	West Stockbridge.	2	2	2	1	2				2	30	2		6	
Upton	Cheshire.	2	2	2		2			2		40	2		4	1
Mystic	Pittsfield.	11	9	9	6		8		3		119	13	2	12	
Crescent	Pittsfield.		1	2		1			1	1	31	2		4	1
Evening Star	Lee.	8	9	8	8	5				1	80	9			
Williams	Williamstown.	1	1	1	2				2		42	2	1	3	
		39	42	43	20	11	8		22	10	806	51	·6	49	3

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest: WM. H. MURRAY, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

Names of Masters to whom Past Master's Diplomas have been Granted.

H. D. WARD, GEORGE J. RIDER, WM. E. VERMILYE.

TENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Jerusalem	Northampton.	8	9	9	3	11			6	3	207	18	7	12	1
Hampden	Springfield.	17	17	20	6	66			9	4	284	61	35	21	1
Chicopee	Chicopee.	7	8	6	4				4	14	189	9	2	6	1
Mt. Tom	Holyoke.	14	12	15	5				2	2	213	20	2	15	
Mt. Moriah	Westfield.	3	3	4	1	4			1	6	222	6	2	6	
Roswell Lee	Springfield.	13	14	13	6	28			7	3	319	29	10	11	
Huntington	Huntington.	1	2	2	1					1	94	2		4	1
Ionic	Easthampton.	6	7	6	1	5			2	1	134	10	1		
Mt. Holyoke	So. Hadley Falls.	7	7	8	2	1			2	1	69	8		10	
Morning Sun. . . .	Conway.	4	4	4	2	2			1		60	4			
Belcher	Chicopee Falls.	4	3	2		5					95	2			1
Hampshire	Haydenville.	2	2	2					1		65	4			
		86	88	91	31	122			35	25	1951	173	59	85	5

A true abstract from the returns of the above Lodges.

Attest: W. C. ROBINSON, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

Names of Masters to whom Past Master's Diplomas have been Granted.

CARLOS HUMPHREY, E. P. KENDRICK, L. E. HITCHCOCK, JAMES PHILLIPS, CHARLES O. SHAW.

ELEVENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Morning Star . . .	Worcester.	8	7	10			21		3	3	306	11	1	15	1
Mount Zion	Barre.	4	4	2	7				2	2	87	3	2		1
Montacute	Worcester.	13	11	10	1					1	320	15		12	1
Webster	Webster.	6	6	4	4				4	1	67	5	3	6	1
Wilder	Leominster.	2	1	1	3	5			6	2	95	2			1
Oxford	Oxford.		1	1						1	68	2	2		1
United Brethren . .	Marlborough.	3	2	2	2		17		3		91	2	2		
Doric	Hudson.	4	2	2	2	3			5	4	133	3		3	
Athelstan	Worcester.	9	13	10	2	6			4	3	223	12			
Saint Bernard . . .	Southborough.	4	4	3	3	2				1	42	2		3	1
Quinsigamond . . .	Worcester.	5	5	9	1				1		56	9		10	
Spencer	Spencer.	4	4	4							65	6			1
Boylston	West Boylston.	3	4	4						1	39	4		6	1
Webster	Webster.														
		65	64	62	25	16	38		28	19	1592	76	10	55	9

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Attest: CHARLES W. MOODY, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

Names of Masters to whom Past Master's Diplomas have been Granted.

EDWIN S. PIKE, WILLIE H. OSGOOD, GEORGE D. BOYDEN, ELIAS P. MORTON, FRANCIS H. SHAW, LESTER H. CUDWORTH, HENRY C. WILLIAMS, JAMES H. AMES, HENRY F. HARRIS.

TWELFTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Middlesex		2	2	3		4			4		64	3		3	
Montgomery		2	2	2	13	9				1	209	5	2	2	
Olive Branch		2	2	2	2				1	2	107	2		2	
Solomon's Temple		5	5	5	1	10				1	137	8	6	6	
Franklin		4	4	4	2		1			2	88	9	1	6	
Blackstone River		2	2	2	1		1		6	1	95	3		2	
John Warren		3	2		2		2		3		77				
North Star						1					78				
Mount Hollis		2	2	1	1				1		82			9	
Excelsior		1	1	1	1					1	69	6	1		
Siloam		2	2	3					5	3	82	4		8	
Charles River						2			1		48				
Alpha		2	2	2							56	2		2	
Mumford River		7	9	8	4						38	9		5	
		34	35	33	27	26	4		21	11	1230	51	10	40	

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Attest: WILLIAM H. PHIPPS, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

THIRTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Bristol	N. Attleborough.		1	1	5	11			2	2	135	3			
Rising Star	Stoughton.	2	2	3		3			4		75	4		3	
St. Albans.	Foxborough.	1	1	1	3	6			3	2	110	2	1		
Orient	Norwood.	4	3	4	3	1					115	4		4	
Blue Hill	Canton.	5	4	4	1				1		77	5		4	
St. James	Mansfield.	1				21			3	1	71				
Hyde Park	Hyde Park.	2	3	3	3		5		7		103	3		3	1
Ezekiel Bates . . .	Attleborough.	4	6	6	1	1				2	93	4		6	
Constellation. . . .	Dedham.	1	2	2			1		1	1	83	3		2	1
Norfolk	Needham.								2		46	1			1
		20	22	24	16	43	6		23	8	908	29	1	22	3

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Attest: FREDERICK D. ELY, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

Names of Masters to whom Past Master's Diplomas have been Granted.

EDWARD DORSEY, CHARLES CARROLL NICHOLS, CHARLES H. COLBY.

FOURTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Union	Nantucket.	2	2	2						2	107	3		2	
Marine	Falmouth.	1	1	1	1						50	1			
Star in the East . . .	New Bedford.	12	11	9	6				1	5	356	11		8	
Mount Hope	Fall River.	10	10	8	10	8			4	4	244	9	1	12	
Eureka	New Bedford.	8	7	6	17				3	2	202	8	1		
Martha's Vineyard . .	Vineyard Haven.	1	1	1					1	4	39	1	3		
Pythagorean	Marion.	5	3	3		1			1	1	79	4			
May Flower	Middleboro.	4	4	4			1		4	1	114	4		6	
Pioneer	Somerset.	4	4	4	1	1			3	2	81				
King Philip	Fall River.	6	8	9	2	4			1	4	185	9			
Oriental	Edgartown.	1							1	1	50				
Concordia	Fair Haven.	3	3	4	2					1	57	5		6	
Narragansett	Fall River.	2	2	2	2				1	2	57	2			
		59	56	53	41	14	1		20	29	1621	57	5	34	

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Attest: ALBERT W. W. CARPENTER, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

FIFTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Adams	Wellfleet.	7	7	6					1	2	115	4			
De Witt Clinton . . .	Sandwich.	1	1	1	2	2				2	49	1			1
Fraternal	Hyannis.	3	3	3					1	2	158	3		4	
Howard	South Yarmouth.	4	1	1							44	1			
James Otis	Barnstable.	1	1			1				1	56			3	
King Hiram	Provincetown.	3	1	1					2	4	197	3	1	5	
Mount Horeb	West Harwich.	2	1	1		12			3	3	111		2		
Mariners	Cotuit.	5	4	3		1					53	3		3	1
Pilgrim	South Harwich.		1	1		24			3		89	1		3	
Social Harmony . . .	Wareham.	1	1	1	2						81	1		1	
St. Martin's	Chatham.	1	1	1					1		40	1		6	
		28	22	19	4	40			11	14	993	18	3	25	2

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Attest: RUSSELL MATTHEWS, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

Names of Masters to whom Past Master's Diploma, have been Granted.

WILLIAM CHILDS, Mariners' Lodge, Cotuit. WILLIAM A. NYE, De Witt Clinton Lodge, Sandwich.

SIXTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Old Colony	Hingham.	3	3	3	2		4		1	3	97	4		3	
Corner Stone . . .	Duxbury.	4	4	4			3		2	2	64	4		4	1
Orphans' Hope . . .	East Weymouth.	1	2	4	1					3	170	6		4	
Plymouth	Plymouth.	3	3	3		4			6	2	128	4		3	
John Cutler	Abington.	3	2	2	3				2	1	117	1		2	
Konohassett	Cohasset.				2		2			1	71	3			
Delta	Weymouth.		1	1		2					108	3		1	
Puritan	South Abington.	4	4	3							107	4		3	1
Phœnix	Hanover.	1								2	50	1			1
Satuit	Scituate.	3	3	3					2		41	3		2	1
		22	22	23	8	6	9		13	14	953	33		22	4

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Attest: LEAVITT BATES, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

Names of Masters to whom Past Master's Diplomas have been Granted.

THOMAS ALDEN, Corner Stone Lodge, Duxbury,
EDWARD KEATING, Puritan Lodge, South Abington,
R. C. WATERMAN, Phœnix Lodge, Hanover,
CHAS. A. COLE, Satuit Lodge, Scituate.

SEVENTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
William Parkman . .	Winchester	2	1	1		1		1	3	1	81	3		1	1
Mount Vernon . . .	Malden.	1	2	2			3		2	1	147	5		2	1
Mount Hermon . . .	Medford.	4	5	4			18		2		138	4		4	
Mount Horeb . . .	Woburn.	4	3	3	3				4	2	136	5		2	1
Hiram	Arlington.	3	3	3		8			4	3	130	5		4	
Simon W. Robinson .	Lexington.	2	4	4					3		50	2		4	1
Charity	North Cambridge.	4	4	4	1	1			4		59	3		4	1
Good Samaritan . .	Reading.										58	1			
King Cyrus	Stoneham.	5	5	1					1	2	55	2			
Wyoming.	Melrose.	3	3	3		8			14	1	147	7			
		28	30	25	4	18	21	1	37	10	1001	37		21	5

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Attest: A. E. SCOTT, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

Names of Masters to whom Past Master's Diplomas have been Granted.

WILLIAM F. CHESTER, of Mount Vernon Lodge,
JOHN H. HARDY, of Hiram Lodge,
J. G. MORRILL, Good Samaritan Lodge,
HERBERT A. REED, of Mount Hermon Lodge,
HORACE E. BOYNTON, Charity Lodge.

EIGHTEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Thomas	Palmer.	4	3	4	1		1		1		128	6	3	4	
Pacific	Amherst.	1	1	1	1	22	3		3	1	77	6		7	1
Quaboag	Warren.	4	5	4	1				2	1	110	6		4	1
Quinebaug	Southbridge.	2	3	4	3				1	1	133	3			1
Day Spring	Monson.				2				2	2	60	1			1
Hayden	Brookfield.	5	2	2	2				3		105	4		1	1
Eden	Ware.	4	4	4	3	8				2	91	5			1
Vernon	Belchertown.	1	1	1		4				1	42	1	1		1
Newton	Wilbraham.	2	2	2	1	7					77	4			1
Anchor	Wales.								3		22				1
		23	21	22	14	41	4		15	8	845	36	4	16	9

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Attest: GEORGE ROBINSON, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

Names of Masters to whom Past Master's Diplomas have been Granted.

O. F. MORSE, L. L. GAGE, OTIS S. BRAINARD, ALVIN A. GAGE, J. W. D. FIFIELD, GEORGE S. MARSH, WM. H. BRIDGMAN, M. A. BLISS, LORING H. CLARK.

NINETEENTH MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
King David	Taunton.	8	7	9	2		7		1	2	264	11	1	9	1
Alfred Baylies . . .	Taunton.	1		1	2					2	116	1		5	1
Ionic	Taunton.	1	1	2	1		3		2	1	106	3		2	1
Charles H. Titus . .	Taunton.	3	4	6						1	64	7		6	1
Paul Dean	North Easton.	4	4	4					1		94	5		10	1
Fellowship	Bridgewater.	5	4	3	1		5		1	2	169	3		1	1
Saint George	Campello.	4	2	2	3						46	3		2	
Paul Revere	Brockton.	5	5	6	4		11		2	1	221	6			1
Rural	Quincy.	6	6	6	5				6	1	144	5	2		1
Norfolk Union . . .	Randolph.	2	1	1	1		2		1		72	3			2
		39	34	40	19		28		14	10	1296	47	3	35	10

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Attest: FRANK MORTON, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

Names of Masters to whom Past Master's Diplomas have been Granted.

ABNER COLEMAN, King David.
R. W. HALL, Alfred Baylies.
ARTHUR B. ATWOOD, Ionic.

GEORGE H. RHODES, Charles H. Titus.
JOHN H. SWAIN, Paul Dean.
FRED. TROW, Paul Revere.

WILLIAM G. SHEEN, Rural.
N. E. BUCK, J. T. SOUTHWORTH, Norfolk Union.
J. D. ATWOOD, Paul Dean.

CHILI MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Bethesda	Valparaiso.	10	6	10	1				2	3	118	11		8	
Aconcagua	Valparaiso.	2	1	1		3			4	2	40	3		2	
Huelen	Santiago.	2	1	1		3			4		28	3		1	
		14	8	12	1	6			10	5	186	17		11	

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Attest: DAVID TRUMBULL, *District Deputy Grand Master.*

CHINA MASONIC DISTRICT.

NAME OF LODGE.	PLACE WHERE HOLDEN.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
Ancient Landmark . .	Shanghai.	6	6	5	2	4			4	2	45	7		3	
		6	6	5	2	4			4	2	45	7		3	

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Attest: D. C. JANSEN, *W. Master.*

RECAPITULATION,

FROM THE RETURNS OF LODGES COMPOSING THE SEVERAL MASONIC DISTRICTS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 31, A.L. 5879.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Initiates.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. of Rejections for Degrees.	No. Suspended from Membership.	No. Discharged from Membership.	No. Expelled from Masonry.	No. Dimitted.	No. Deceased.	No. of Members.	No. Members Admitted.	No. Re-instated.	No. Grand Lodge Diplomas.	No. Past Master's Diplomas.
District No. 1	55	53	52	12	10	38		49	46	2,158	60	2	52	9
" " 2	50	57	53	5	32	2		55	19	1,474	51		51	13
" " 3	66	66	66	22	44	18		42	31	1,737	74	5	58	3
" " 4	50	44	47	15	4	19		31	13	1,294	65		47	3
" " 5	38	42	40	15	76	18		21	17	1,463	52	4	19	2
" " 6	53	51	45	11	94			23	27	1,599	54	15	33	2
" " 7	47	50	53	16	4			20	19	1,411	54	6	36	1
" " 8	49	47	44	15	41			53	5	942	71	8	29	7
" " 9	39	42	43	20	11	8		22	10	806	51	6	49	3
" " 10	86	88	91	31	122			35	25	1,951	173	59	85	5
" " 11	65	64	62	25	16	38		28	19	1,592	76	10	55	9
" " 12	34	35	33	27	26	4		21	11	1,230	51	10	40	
" " 13	20	22	24	16	42	6		23	8	908	29	1	22	3
" " 14	59	56	53	41	14	1		20	29	1,621	57	5	34	
" " 15	28	22	19	4	40			11	14	993	18	3	25	2
" " 16	22	22	23	8	6	9	1	13	14	953	33		22	4
" " 17	28	30	25	4	18	21		37	10	1,001	37		21	5
" " 18	23	21	22	14	41	4		15	8	845	36	4	16	9
" " 19	39	34	40	19		28		14	10	1,296	47	3	35	10
Chili District	14	8	12	1	6			10	5	186	17		11	
China District	6	6	5	2	4			4	2	45	7		3	
Lodges under Dispensation	10	10	10	1										
Total	881	870	862	324	651	214	1	547	342	25,505	1,122	141	743	79

TABLES OF MASONIC DISTRICTS FOR 1880,

GIVING THE NAME OF EACH LODGE, DATE OF CHARTER, LOCATION, AND THE MONTH OF ANNUAL ELECTION FOR 1879.

District No. I. — Boston.

R.W. ALBERT L. RICHARDSON, BOSTON, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Saint John's	1733	Boston	December
Saint Andrew's	1756	Boston	November
Massachusetts	1770	Boston	December
Columbian	1796	Boston	December
Mount Lebanon	1801	Boston	December
Germania	1855	Boston	November
Winslow Lewis	1856	Boston	November
Revere	1857	Boston	December
Joseph Warren	1857	Boston	December
Aberdour	1861	Boston	November
Eleutis	1865	Boston	December
Zetland	1868	Boston	December
Joseph Webb	1877	Boston	December

District No. II. — Charlestown.

R.W. JONATHAN BIGELOW, CAMBRIDGE, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
King Solomon's	1783	Charlestown	October
Amicable	1805	Cambridgeport	December
Star of Bethlehem	1845	Chelsea	November
Putnam	1855	East Cambridge	December
John Abbot	1858	Somerville	September
Henry Price	1859	Charlestown	October
Mount Olivet	1864	Cambridge	November
Robert Lash	1867	Chelsea	November
Faith	1869	Charlestown	December
Palestine	1869	Everett	December

District No. III. — Boston Highlands.

R.W. WILLIAM H. WEST, DORCHESTER, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Washington	1776	Roxbury	November
Union	1796	Dorchester	December
Mount Taber	1846	East Boston	November
Saint Paul's	1847	South Boston	December
Baalbec	1853	East Boston	November
Gate of the Temple	1856	South Boston	November
Hammatt	1860	East Boston	December
Lafayette	1866	Roxbury	June
Adelphi	1866	South Boston	November
Eliot	1867	Jamaica Plain	May
Rabboni	1870	South Boston	December
Temple	1871	East Boston	December

District No. IV. — Cambridge.

R.W. GEORGE J. TOWNSEND, NATICK, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Corinthian	1797	Concord	October
Meridian	1797	Natick	October
Bethesda	1819	Brighton	December
Monitor	1820	Waltham	November
Pequossette	1857	Watertown	June
Dalhousie	1861	Newtonville	June
Belmont	1865	Belmont	March
Isaac Parker	1868	Waltham	December
Mizpah	1868	Cambridgeport	December
Beth-horon	1871	Brookline	December
Charles A. Welch	1873	Maynard	March
Fraternity	1876	Newtonville	October

District No. V. — Salem.

R.W. JOHN B. HILL, BEVERLY, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Tyrian	1770	Gloucester	November
Essex	1791	Salem	December
Mount Carmel	1805	Lynn	December
Jordan	1808	Peabody	November
Liberty	1824	Beverly	December
Ashler	1852	Rockport	December
Amity	1864	Danvers	November
Starr King	1865	Salem	December
John T. Heard	1865	Ipswich	December
Golden Fleece	1865	Lynn	December
Acacia	1866	Gloucester	June
William Sutton	1867	Saugus	December
Mosaic	1871	Danvers	December

District No. VI. — Newburyport.

R.W. NATHAN S. KIMBALL, HAVERHILL, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Saint John's	1766	Newburyport	March
Merrimack	1802	Haverhill	November
Saint Mark's	1803	Newburyport	December
Warren	1822	Amesburyport	September
Saint Matthew's	1822	Andover	December
Grecian	1825	Lawrence	September
John Hancock	1861	Methuen	September
Tuscan	1863	Lawrence	September
Saggahew	1865	Haverhill	December
Charles C. Dame	1867	Georgetown	January
Bethany	1869	Merrimac	September
Phœnecian	1871	Lawrence	September
Cochichewick	1875	North Andover	November

District No. VII. — Lowell.

R.W. DANIEL B. INGALLS, CLINTON, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Saint Paul	1797	Ayer	October
Aurora	1801	Fitchburg	September
Pentucket	1807	Lowell	October
Ancient York	1853	Lowell	October
Trinity	1859	Clinton	September
Caleb Butler	1860	Ayer	December
Charles W. Moore	1866	Fitchburg	September
Kilwinning	1867	Lowell	November
William North	1868	Lowell	October

District No. VIII. — Greenfield.

HIRAM O. SMITH, SHELBURNE FALLS, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Republican	1795	Greenfield	November
Harmony	1796	Northfield	November
Mountain	1806	Shelburne Falls	October
Bethel	1825	Enfield	November
Orange	1860	Orange	November
Hope	1865	Gardner	October
Star	1865	Athol	November
Artisan	1866	Winchendon	September
Bay State	1873	Montague	October
Athol	1873	Athol Centre	November
Mechanics	1879	Turner's Falls	November

District No. IX. — Pittsfield.

R.W. WILLIAM H. MURRAY, PITTSFIELD, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Evening Star	1795	Lee	September
Cincinnatus	1796	Great Barrington	December
Wisdom	1803	West Stockbridge	December
Mystic	1810	Pittsfield	October
Lafayette	1849	North Adams	December
Berkshire	1858	South Adams	November
Globe	1870	Hinsdale	October
Upton	1870	Cheshire	November
Occidental	1871	Stockbridge	December
Williams	1872	Williamstown	December
Greylock	1872	North Adams	November
Crescent	1874	Pittsfield	September

District No. X. — Springfield.

R.W. WILLIAM C. ROBINSON, NORTHAMPTON, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Jerusalem	1797	Northampton	November
Hampden	1817	Springfield	November
Chicopee	1849	Chicopee	November
Mount Tom	1850	Holyoke	November
Mount Moriah	1856	Westfield	September
Roswell Lee	1865	Springfield	November
Huntington	1867	Huntington	October
Ionic	1868	Easthampton	November
Mount Holyoke	1870	South Hadley Falls	November
Morning Sun	1870	Conway	November
Belcher	1871	Chicopee Falls	October
Hampshire	1872	Haydenville	November

District No. XI. — Worcester.

R.W. DAVID M. EARL, WORCESTER, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Morning Star	1793	Worcester	November
Mount Zion	1800	Barre	September
Montacute	1859	Worcester	November
Webster	1859	Webster	December
Wilder	1860	Leominster	September
Oxford	1860	Oxford	September
United Brethren	1860	Marlborough	November
Doric	1864	Hudson	September
Athelstan	1866	Worcester	November
Saint Bernard	1868	Southborough	September
Quinsigamond	1871	Worcester	October
Spencer	1872	Spencer	October
Boylston	1877	West Boylston	October

District No. XII. — Milford.

R.W. A. C. SLATER, NORTH UXBRIDGE, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Middlesex	1795	Framingham	November
Montgomery	1797	Milford	October
Olive Branch	1797	Millbury	October
Solomon's Temple	1818	Uxbridge	October
Franklin	1852	Grafton	November
Blackstone River	1856	Blackstone	November
John Warren	1861	Hopkinton	October
North Star	1865	Ashland	November
Mount Hollis	1865	Holliston	December
Excelsior	1867	Franklin	January
Siloam	1867	Westborough	November
Charles River	1871	West Medway	October
Alpha	1876	South Framingham	September
Mumford River	1878	East Douglas	February

District No. XIII. — Dedham.

R.W. CHARLES E. SMITH, NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Bristol	1797	No. Attleborough	December
Rising Star	1799	Stoughton	November
Saint Alban's	1818	Foxborough	November
Orient	1862	Norwood	January
Blue Hill	1864	Canton	November
Saint James	1865	Mansfield	December
Hyde Park	1866	Hyde Park	December
Ezekiel Bates	1871	Attleborough	December
Constellation	1872	Dedham	March
Norfolk	1875	Needham	May

District No. XIV. — New Bedford.

R.W. ALBERT H. W. CARPENTER, NEW BEDFORD, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Union	1771	Nantucket	December
Marine	1798	Falmouth	December
Star in the East	1823	New Bedford	January
Mount Hope	1824	Fall River	November
Eureka	1858	New Bedford	January
Martha's Vineyard	1860	Vineyard Haven	December
Pythagorean	1863	Marion	December
Pioneer	1864	Somerset	November
May Flower	1865	Middleborough	January
King Philip	1866	Fall River	November
Oriental	1867	Edgartown	December
Concordia	1873	Fairhaven	December
Naragansett	1876	Fall River	December
Noqoochoke	1879	Westport	January

District No. XV.—Barnstable.

R.W. RUSSELL MATTHEWS, BARNSTABLE, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
King Hiram	1796	Provincetown	November
Fraternal	1801	Hyannis	January
Social Harmony	1823	Wareham	December
Mount Horeb	1855	West Harwich	December
De Witt Clinton	1856	Sandwich	December
Pilgrim	1860	South Harwich	December
James Otis	1866	Barnstable	October
Adams	1866	Wellfleet	January
Howard	1870	South Yarmouth	January
Mariners	1871	Cotuit	January
Saint Martin's	1873	Chatham	December

District No. XVI. — Plymouth.

R.W. EDWARD AVERY, BRAINTREE, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Old Colony	1792	Hingham	December
Corner-Stone	1801	Duxbury	November
Orphan's Hope	1825	East Weymouth	May
Plymouth	1825	Plymouth	December
John Cutler	1860	Abington	September
Konohassett	1865	Cohasset	January
Delta	1869	Weymouth	September
Puritan	1870	South Abington	January
Phœnix	1874	Hanover	December
Satuit	1876	Scituate	May

District No. XVII. — Woburn.

R.W. AUGUSTUS E. SCOTT, LEXINGTON, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Hiram	1797	Arlington	November
Mount Hermon	1855	Medford	December
Mount Horeb	1856	Woburn	December
Wyoming	1857	Melrose	September
Mount Vernon	1858	Malden	November
William Parkman	1865	Winchester	December
Charity	1870	North Cambridge	December
Good Samaritan	1871	Reading	September
Simon W. Robinson	1871	Lexington	November
King Cyrus	1876	Stoneham	December

District No. XVIII. — Palmer.

R.W. GEORGE ROBINSON, PALMER, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Thomas	1796	Palmer	November
Pacific	1801	Amherst	November
Quaboag	1859	Warren	November
Quinebaug	1860	Southbridge	September
Day Spring	1863	Monson	December
Hayden	1864	Brookfield	November
Eden	1864	Ware	November
Vernon	1870	Belchertown	December
Newton	1871	Wilbraham	November
Anchor	1874	Wales	December

District No. XIX. — Taunton.

R.W. JOHN B. THAYER, RANDOLPH, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Fellowship	1797	Bridgewater	September
King David	1798	Taunton	November
Rural	1801	Quincy	November
Norfolk Union	1819	Randolph	November
Paul Revere	1857	Brockton	December
Alfred Baylies	1866	Taunton	October
Ionic	1867	Taunton	November
Paul Dean	1868	North Easton	November
Charles H. Titus	1873	Taunton	October
Saint George	1878	Brockton	December

Chili District.

R.W. REV. DAVID TRUMBULL, D.D., VALPARAISO, D.D.G.M.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Bethesda	1854	Valparaiso	August
Aconcagua	1871	Valparaiso	August
Huelen	1877	Santiago	August

China District.

No deputy is appointed for this Lodge. The W. Master will report directly to the Grand Master, or through R.W. William F. Salmon, of Lowell, the Proxy of the Lodge.

Name of Lodge.	Charter.	Location.	Election.
Ancient Landmark	1854	Shanghai	October

ALPHABETICAL LIST

OF

LODGES, THEIR LOCATIONS, WORSHIPFUL MASTERS, AND SECRETARIES,*

FOR THE YEAR 1880.

Lodge.	Location.	W. Master.	Secretary.
ABERDOUR	Boston	Charles Harris	Charles I. Eaton.
ACACIA	East Gloucester	Charles H. Wonson	Thomas Renton.
ACONCAGUA	Valparaiso, Chili, S.A.	F. J. Price	C. A. Langlois.
ADAMS	Wellfleet	Dan'l Williamson	Edwin P. Cook.
ADELPHI	South Boston	Wm. Park, Jr.	William H. Morse.
ALFRED BAYLIES	Taunton	Horatio H. Hall	Lemuel T. Talbot.
ALPHA	South Framingham	Charles P. Knowlton	Fred'k A. Pratt.
AMICABLE	Cambridgeport	Edwin L. Haley	Charles Tufts.
AMITY	Danvers	A. Frank Welch	Joseph E. Hood.
ANCHOR	Wales	Lorin H. Clark	George O. Henry.
ANCIENT LANDMARK	Shanghai, China	N. P. Andersen	George L. Skinner.
ANCIENT YORK	Lowell	Hamilton Burrage	Duane P. Stacy.
ARTISAN	Winchendon	David H. Barnes	George M. Whitney.

* The names of the W. Masters and Secretaries of Lodges in this list are given according to the latest returns in the Recording Grand Secretary's Office.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF LODGES, ETC. — *Continued.*

Lodge.	Location.	W. Master.	Secretary.
ASHLER	Rockport	Jason L. Curtis	William G. Davis, Jr.
ATHELSTAN	Worcester	Henry Goddard	Edward E. Longley.
ATHOL	Athol Centre	Joseph H. Haskins	Rev. Ira Bailey.
AURORA	Fitchburg	David W. Tinsley	Frederick A. Currier.
BAALBEC	East Boston	Andrew P. Fisher	John Marno.
BAY STATE	Montague	Dwight C. Bangs	G. A. Clapp.
BELCHER	Chicopee Falls	Charles O. Shaw	Chas. A. Bogardus.
BELMONT	Belmont	Wm. M. Nassau	James A. Chamberlin.
BERKSHIRE	South Adams	Dallas J. Dean	Byron P. Myers.
BETH-HORON	Brookline	R. G. F. Cardage	Francis H. Bacon.
BETHANY	Merrimac	Ora O. Little	D. J. Poore.
BETHEL	Enfield	John W. Felton	Robert D. Bussey.
BETHESDA	Brighton	Sam'l N. Davenport	Charles A. Nutter.
BETHESDA	Valparaiso, Chili, S.A.	George Meldrum	Carlos E. Biggs.
BLACKSTONE RIVER	Blackstone	Jeremiah Gatchell	Thomas Ball.
BLUE HILL	Canton	Andrew A. Harrington	John T. Pitman.
BOYLSTON	West Boylston	Henry F. Harris	H. E. Morton.
BRISTOL	North Attleborough	Edward R. Price	Wm. W. Sherman.
CALEB BUTLER	Ayer	Henry A. Brown	Frederick Whitney.
CHARITY	North Cambridge	Horace E. Boynton	Thomas T. Ferguson.
CHARLES A. WELCH	Maynard	Theodoric A. Jones	George F. Cutting.
CHARLES C. DAME	Georgetown	Edward A. Chaplin	Robert A. Coker.
CHARLES H. TITUS	Taunton	William O. Snow	Seth L. Cushman.

CHARLES RIVER	West Medway	George H. Daniels	Henry C. Austin.
CHARLES W. MOORE	Fitchburg	George B. Woodward	Joseph L. Stratton.
CHICOPEE	Chicopee	Amos O. Kinney	James C. Buckley.
CINCINNATUS	Great Barrington	Charles J. Burgett	Frank H. Wright.
COCHICHEWICK	North Andover	Thomas K. Gilman	Charles F. Johnson.
COLUMBIAN	Boston	Frederick Alford	William Martin.
CONCORDIA	Fairhaven	Edwin Stowell	Seth H. Keith.
CONSTELLATION	Dedham	Charles C. Nichols	Edwin A. Brooks.
CORINTHIAN	Concord	Charles E. Brown	D. Goodwin Lang.
CORNER-STONE	Duxbury	Thomas Alden	George A. Green.
CRESCENT	Pittsfield	Wm. E. Vermyle	Clark F. Hall.
DALHOUSIE	Newtonville	James B. Fuller	Edward E. Morgan.
DAY SPRING	Monson	Alvin A. Gage	John M. Phipps.
DELTA	Weymouth	John M. Walsh	Charles G. Thompson.
DE WITT CLINTON	Sandwich	D. Frank Chessman	John Q. Miller.
DORIC	Hudson	Lyman Morse	Edward A. Holyoke.
EDEN	Ware	George S. Marsh	Levi W. Robinson.
ELEUSIS	Boston	Samuel A. Bigelow	George F. Child.
ELIOT	Jamaica Plain	William J. Spear	Charles M. Seaver.
ESSEX	Salem	William A. Hill	John P. Browning.
EUREKA	New Bedford	F. W. Mosher	George W. Parker.
EVENING STAR	Lee	David M. Wilcox	Henry M. Smith.
EXCELSIOR	Franklin	Joseph H. Partridge	Walter F. Partridge.
EZEKIEL BATES	Attleborough	Herbert N. Mason	Thomas S. Nye.
FAITH	Charlestown	Edward A. Ladd	Joseph W. Linnell.

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Lodge.	Location.	W. Master.	Secretary.
FELLOWSHIP	Bridgewater	Edward Sawyer	Warren K. Churchill.
FRANKLIN	Grafton	Benjamin F. Gibson	William S. Wood.
FRATERNAL	Hyannis	George H. Smith	Oliver C. Hoxie.
FRATERNITY	Newtonville	William W. Keith	Francis Elder.
GATE OF THE TEMPLE	South Boston	Joseph R. Grose	Alban S. Green.
GERMANIA	Boston	Henry T. Ehlert	Emil Heidenreich.
GLOBE	Hinsdale	Charles C. Wright	Dennis J. Brown.
GOLDEN FLEECE	Lynn	George H. Allen	William B. Phillips.
GOOD SAMARITAN	Reading	John G. Morrill	William E. Beard.
GRECIAN	Lawrence	John A. Brackett	Charles H. Littlefield.
GREYLOCK	North Adams	Henry D. Ward	Elisha T. Cobb.
HAMMATT	East Boston	George E. Harrington	Samuel L. Fowle.
HAMPDEN	Springfield	Edmund P. Kendrick	Henry M. Gates.
HAMPSHIRE	Haydenville	Elbridge D. Kingsley	Wilmot L. Clark.
HARMONY	Northfield	George N. Richards	George T. Alexander.
HAYDEN	Brookfield	John W. D. Fifield	Hiram P. Gerald.
HENRY PRICE	Charlestown	Ira D. Worth	Charles H. Willard.
HIRAM	Arlington	John H. Hardy	Leander D. Bradley.
HOPE	Gardner	Marcus H. Howe	John D. Edgell.
HOWARD	South Yarmouth	Bernard L. Baker	Zenas P. Howes.
HUELEN	Santiago, Chili	William T. Benham	Andrew Kerr.
HUNTINGTON	Huntington	Edward A. Allen	Thomas Davis.
HYDE PARK	Hyde Park	Charles H. Colby	Henry S. Bunton.

IONIC	Taunton	Arthur B. Atwood	George E. Manning.
IONIC	Easthampton	William E. Spooner	Lafayette Clapp, Jr.
ISAAC PARKER	Waltham	Zimri H. Cobleigh	Charles I. Eaton.
JAMES OTIS	Barnstable	Freeman H. Lothrop	Ansel D. Lothrop.
JERUSALEM	Northampton	Carlos Humphrey	John A. Prentiss.
JOHN ABBOT	Somerville	Charles J. Richardson	George L. Baxter.
JOHN CUTLER	Abington	Joseph F. French	Erastus M. Nash.
JOHN HANCOCK	Methuen	Robert H. Shiels	John G. Low.
JOHN T. HEARD	Ipswich	Nathaniel Shatswell	William H. Tozer.
JOHN WARREN	Hopkinton	George A. Warren	Edson F. Hodge.
JORDAN	Peabody	John C. Jodrey	Charles H. Goulding.
JOSEPH WARREN	Boston	Leonard B. Nichols	Albert Babbitt.
JOSEPH WEBB	Boston	Daniel T. Brigham	Francis A. Chase.
KILWINNING	Lowell	Charles F. Young	Thomas Stott.
KING CYRUS	Stoneham	William F. Walker	Orra Paige.
KING DAVID	Taunton	George F. Soule	Gustavus T. Fisher.
KING HIRAM	Provincetown	Moses N. Gifford	Reuben W. Swift.
KING PHILIP	Fall River	Charles A. Bennett	Abbot E. Slade.
KING SOLOMON	Charlestown	Alfred C. Hall	George W. Abbott.
KONOHASSETT	Cohasset	Alfred A. Seaverns	James H. Bouvé.
LAFAYETTE	Roxbury	William G. Fish	John D. Willard.
LAFAYETTE	North Adams	Richard A. Warren	Aaron J. Cook.
LIBERTY	Beverly	William R. Driver	Augustus Stevens.
MARINE	Falmouth	William H. Hewins	Cnarles N. Thayer.
MARINERS	Cotuit	William Childs	Andrew Lovell.

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Lodge.	Location.	W. Master.	Secretary.
MARTHA'S VINEYARD	Vineyard Haven	Matthew L. Smith	Rev. Dan'l W. Stevens.
MASSACHUSETTS	Boston	Edwin Wright	Charles O. Fox.
MAYFLOWER	Middleborough	James M. Coombs	Benjamin F. Tripp.
MECHANICS	Turner's Falls	W. D. Russell	E. M. Perry.
MERIDIAN	Natick	Silas H. Bent	Charles W. Burks.
MERRIMACK	Haverhill	Dana J. Flanders	William H. Curtis.
MIDDLESEX	Framingham	George H. Waterman	Luther F. Sykes.
MIZPAH	Cambridgeport	John S. Sawyer	George E. Ryder.
MONITOR	Waltham	Nathan Warren	John P. Noble.
MORNING STAR	Worcester	Henry A. Southwick	Henry S. Knight, M.D.
MORNING SUN	Conway	Arthur M. Cook	Henry W. Billings.
MONTACUTE	Worcester	Jeremiah Swasey	Fred W. Southwick.
MONTGOMERY	Milford	S. Allen Eastman	Charles E. Whitney.
MOSAIC	Danvers	Samuel S. Sawyer	George H. Perkins.
MOUNTAIN	Shelburne Falls	Edwin Baker	Joseph H. Wilder.
MOUNT CARMEL	Lynn	Charles E. Parsons	Charles E. Chase.
MOUNT HERMON	Medford	Herbert A. Reed	Parker R. Litchfield.
MOUNT HOLLIS	Holliston	George M. French	George B. Fiske.
MOUNT HOLYOKE	South Hadley Falls	James O. Walker	Wm. McNab.
MOUNT HOPE	Fall River	John T. Graham	Allen Lockwood.
MOUNT HOREB	Woburn	Charlie A. Jones	Sparrow Horton.
MOUNT HOREB	West Hardwich	Erastus Chase	Sylvester Baker.
MOUNT LEBANON	Boston	Charles J. Miller	Warren B. Ellis.

MOUNT MORIAH	Westfield	James A. Lakin	James R. Gladwin.
MOUNT OLIVET	Cambridge	M. J. Farrell	James M. Thurston.
MOUNT TABOR	East Boston	Charles G. Brooks	J. H. S. Pearson.
MOUNT TOM	Holyoke	William Orrell	Augustine W. Esleeck.
MOUNT VERNON	Malden	William F. Chester	Alfred Tonks.
MOUNT ZION	Barre	Willis H. Osgood	Benjamin F. Brooks.
MUMFORD RIVER	East Douglas	A. J. Thayer	Marcus M. Luther.
MYSTIC	Pittsfield	Charles H. Tuttle	John F. Van Deusen.
NARRAGANSETT	Fall River	Charles F. Tripp	George W. Angell.
NEWTON	Wilbraham	Myron A. Bliss	W. F. Lamb.
NOQOCHOKE	Westport	Lawrance S. Smith	Stephen A. Brownell.
NORFOLK	Needham	Edgar H. Bowers	Emery Grover.
NORFOLK UNION	Randolph	N. Everett Buck	John H. Field.
NORTH STAR	Ashland	G. Henry Hooker	G. C. Fiske.
OCCIDENTAL	Stockbridge	John H. Burghardt	Henry J. Dunham.
OLD COLONY	Hingham Centre	Charles T. Burr	William H. Thomas.
OLIVE BRANCH	Millbury	George J. Dudley	Rufus R. Crane.
ORANGE	Orange	Abijah L. Shattuck	Moses C. French.
ORIENT	Norwood	Walter C. Shapleigh	Edgar L. Bigelow.
ORIENTAL	Edgartown	Zenas D. Linton	Tristram R. Holley.
ORPHAN'S HOPE	East Weymouth	Thomas H. Humphrey	Thomas J. Evans.
OXFORD	Oxford	L. H. Cudworth	Rev. Albert Tyler.
PACIFIC	Amherst	Merrick M. Spear	Elisha J. Wheaton.
PALESTINE	Everett	Columbus Corey	George H. Burr.
PAUL DEAN	North Easton	Julius D. Atwood	George E. Dana.

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Lodge.	Location.	W. Master.	Secretary.
PAUL REVERE	Brockton	Fred'k L. Howe	Alfred C. Munroe.
PENTUCKET	Lowell	Benjamin C. Dean	Benjamin S. Ireson.
PEQUOSSETTE	Watertown	Benjamin H. Dow	Alberto F. Haynes.
PHŒNICIAN	Lawrence	Andrew Sharpe	James E. Shepard.
PHŒNIX	Hanover	Rodolph G. Waterman	Thomas B. Waterman.
PILGRIM	Harwich	John E. Hamer	Samuel Moody, Jr.
PIONEER	Somerset	Edward A. Courtney	Edmund A. Davis.
PLYMOUTH	Plymouth	Charles I. Litchfield	Charles H. Rogers.
PURITAN	South Abington	Edward Keating	Charles D. Nash.
PUTNAM	East Cambridge	John C. Bullard	Luther L. Parker.
PYTHAGOREAN	Marion	Adelbert B. Conroe	R. S. Ryder.
QUABOAG	Warren	William H. Shepard	Edward P. Twitchell.
QUINEBAUG	Southbridge	Otis S. Brainard	Harlan P. Tiffany.
QUINSIGAMOND	Worcester	David M. Earle	Charles E. Phelps.
RABBONI	South Boston	Jerome Smith	Henry C. Mitchell.
REPUBLICAN	Greenfield	James R. Long	Luther C. Pratt.
REVERE	Boston	Frank T. Dwinell	William W. Baker. Geo. Phippen, Jr., Ass't Sec.
RISING STAR	Stoughton	James H. May	Leonard A. Thayer.
ROBERT LASH	Chelsea	Robert F. Means	Rufus S. Owen.
ROSWELL LEE	Springfield	Fred'k G. Southmayd	Charles H. Churchill.
RURAL	Quincy	William G. Shien	Charles H. Porter.
SAGGAHEW	Haverhill	Oscar S. Williams	Henry Halsall.

SAINT ALBAN'S	Foxborough	James B. Mowry	Frederic S. Lane.
SAINT ANDREW'S	Boston	Henry A. Whitney	William F. Davis.
SAINT BERNARD	Southborough	Henry C. Williams	Francis D. Newton.
SAINT GEORGE	Campello	M. W. Richards	D. Cary Keith.
SAINT JAMES	Mansfield	Henry H. Fairbanks	William N. Moran.
SAINT JOHN'S	Boston	Martin A. Munroe	James W. Allen.
SAINT JOHN'S	Newburyport	Dudley Batchelder	Samuel Brookings, Jr.
SAINT MARK'S	Newburyport	George W. Creasey	Joseph L. Johnson.
SAINT MARTIN'S	Chatham	Parker Nickerson	Solomon E. Hallett.
SAINT MATTHEW'S	Andover	George S. Cole	Joseph A. Smart.
SAINT PAUL	Ayer	Rector T. Bartlett	Edmund D. Bancroft.
SAINT PAUL'S	South Boston	Samuel P. Wallis	Horace Smith.
SATUIT	Scituate	Charles A. Cole	Moses B. Colman.
SILOAM	Westborough	George L. Smith	George J. Jackson.
SIMON W. ROBINSON	Lexington	Everett L. Locke	Charles H. Adair.
SOCIAL HARMONY	Wareham	John Huxtable	Edward A. Gammons.
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE	Uxbridge	Orville B. Seagrave	John Lever.
SPENCER	Spencer	James H. Ames	Myron A. Young.
STAR	Athol	Harding R. Barber	Wm. H. Heustis.
STAR IN THE EAST	New Bedford	Ezekiel C. Gardner	James C. Hitch.
STAR OF BETHLEHEM	Chelsea	Eugene F. Endicott	Lyman M. Miller.
STARR KING	Salem	Albert B. Russell	Wm. H. Simonds, Jr.
TEMPLE	East Boston	Thomas A. Hutchins	Horace B. Butler.
THOMAS	Palmer	James B. Shaw	Cyrus W. Cross.
TRINITY	Clinton	Henry McGown	Henry N. Otterson.

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Name.	Location.	W. Master.	Secretary.
TUSCAN	Lawrence	Alvin D. Eliot	Frank O. Kendall.
TYRIAN	Gloucester	William Babson	William P. Dolliver.
UNION	Nantucket	Henry Paddock	Charles P. Swain.
UNION	Dorchester	Otis Eddy	Robert T. Swan.
UNITED BRETHREN	Marlborough	George H. Whitney	Benjamin F. Underhill.
UPTON	Cheshire	Edwin F. Nickerson	John R. Cole.
VERNON	Belchertown	Wm. H. Bridgman	E. A. R. Fairchild.
WARREN	Amesbury	William Smeath	David L. Davoll.
WASHINGTON	Roxbury	Benjamin F. Ayers	John W. Call.
WEBSTER	Webster	Elias P. Morton	Merrick F. Salisbury.
WILDER	Leominster	Francis H. Shaw	Wilbur B. Tenney.
WILLIAM NORTH	Lowell	Elisha H. Shaw	Theodore Adams.
WILLIAM PARKMAN	Winchester	Thomas S. Spurr	Leone S. Quimby.
WILLIAM SUTTON	Saugus	George C. Stewart	Benjamin F. Calley.
WILLIAMS	Williamstown	Charles F. Solomon	Charles F. Town.
WINSLOW LEWIS	Boston	John A. Conkey	Alonzo P. Jones.
WISDOM	West Stockbridge	George N. Barrett	Reuben R. Peet.
WYOMING	Melrose	Granville M. Thomas	George C. Stantial.
ZETLAND	Boston	Louis G. A. Fauteaux	Hammond Vinton.

LODGE UNDER DISPENSATION.

SOLEY	Somerville	Horace P. Hemmenway, W.M.

PERMANENT MEMBERS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

SINCE ITS INDEPENDENCE, MARCH 8, 1877.

Note. — The year given denotes the time of installation, which, with very few exceptions, was on or near St. John's Day, Dec. 27; so that the year of official service is the one following that given in the text.

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

*Joseph Webb, 1777–81, 1784–86.
*John Warren, 1782, 83, 1787.
*Moses M. Hays, 1788–91.
*John Cutler, 1792, 93.
*Paul Revere, 1794–96.
*Josiah Bartlett, 1797, 98, 1809.
*Samuel Dunn, 1799–1801.
*Isaiah Thomas, 1802–1804, 1808.
*Timothy Bigelow, 1805–7, 1810–1812.
*Benjamin Russell, 1813–15.
*Francis J. Oliver, 1816–18.
*Samuel P. P. Fay, 1819.
*John Dixwell, 1820–22.
*John Abbot, 1823–25, 1833.
*John Soley, 1826–28.
*Joseph Jenkins, 1829–31.
*Elijah Crane, 1832.
*Joshua B. Flint, 1834–36.
*Rev. Paul Dean, 1837–39.
*Caleb Butler, 1840, 1841.
*Augustus Peabody, 1842–44.
*Simon W. Robinson, 1845–47.
*Edward A. Raymond, 1848–50.
*Rt. Rev. G. M. Randall, 1841–1853.
*Winslow Lewis, 1854, 55, 1859.
John T. Heard, 1856–58.
William D. Coolidge, 1860, 61.
William Parkman, 1862–64.
Charles C. Dame, 1865–67.
William S. Gardner, 1868–70.
Sereno D. Nickerson, 1871–73.
Percival L. Everett, 1874–76.

* Charles W. Moore, elected Honorary Past Grand Master December 10, 1873.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

*Moses Deshon, 1777, 78.
*Samuel Barrett, 1779–81.
*Paul Revere, 1782–84, 1790, 91.
*John Lowell, 1785–87, 1792.
*Perez Morton, 1788, 89.
*Josiah Bartlett, 1793.
*William Scollay, 1794, 95.
*Samuel Dunn, 1796–98.

*Joseph Laughton, 1798–1801.
*Simon Elliot, 1802–7.
*John Boyle, 1808, 9.
*Samuel Bradford, 1810.
*Rev. Thad. M. Harris, 1811.
*Francis J. Oliver, 1812–15.
*John Dixwell, 1816, 17.
*Samuel P. P. Fay, 1818.
*Rev. Asa Eaton, 1819.
*John Abbot, 1820–22.
*Caleb Butler, 1823–25.
*John Bartlett, 1826–28.
*Elijah Morse, 1829.
*William Hilliard, 1830.
*David Wilder, 1831.
*Abraham A. Dame, 1832, 33.
*Rev. Paul Dean, 1834–36.
*George G. Smith, 1837–39.
*Simon W. Robinson, 1840–42.
*John B. Hammatt, 1843.
*Rev. E. M. P. Wells, 1844.
*Winslow Lewis, Jr., 1845–47.
*Rt. Rev. G. M. Randall, D.D., 1848–50.
Rev. Lucius R. Paige, D.D., 1851–53.
Abraham T. Lowe, 1854, 55.
*†Rev. William Flint, 1856–58.
Charles R. Train, 1859.
*Jerome V. C. Smith, 1859.
G. Washington Warren, 1860.
Marshall P. Wilder, 1861.
Charles C. Dame, 1862–64.
Sereno D. Nickerson, 1865.
*Newell A. Thompson, 1866.
*Charles W. Moore, 1867.
Charles Levi Woodbury, 1868–1870.
Percival L. Everett, 1871–73.
Charles A. Welch, 1874–76.

PAST SENIOR GRAND WARDENS.

*Samuel Barrett, 1777, 78.
*Paul Revere, 1779–82.
*Perez Morton, 1783, 84.
*John Juteau, 1785, 1789.
*Josiah Bartlett, 1786, 1788, 1791, 1792.
*Timothy Whiting, 1787.
*Thomas Edwards, 1790.
*Mungo Mackay, 1793.
*Isaiah Thomas, 1794–96.
*Joseph Laughton, 1797, 98.
*John Boyle, 1799–1801.
*Isaac Hurd, 1802.
*Timothy Bigelow, 1803, 1804.
*John Soley, 1805, 1806.
*Shubael Bell, 1807.
*Henry Fowle, 1808.
*Francis J. Oliver, 1809–11.
*Benjamin Russell, 1812.
*John Abbot, 1813.
*John B. Hammatt, 1814, 15.
*Augustus Peabody, 1816.
*Caleb Butler, 1817, 18.
*Andrew Sigourney, 1819.
*Thomas Cole, 1820, 21.
*Elijah Crane, 1822.
*Samuel Thaxter, 1823–25.
*John Keys, 1826, 1827.
*Seth Sprague, Jr., 1828.
*Abraham A. Dame, 1829–31.
*William J. Whipple, 1832.
*Elias Haskell, 1833–35.
*Benjamin B. Appleton, 1836.
*Simon W. Robinson, 1837–39
*Thomas Tolman, 1840–42.
*Robert Lash, 1843.

*Robert Keith, 1844.
*Edward A. Raymond, 1845–47.
*John J. Loring, 1848.
*Thomas M. Vinson, 1849, 50.
*William Ferson, 1851.
Daniel Harwood, 1852.
*Richard S. Spofford, 1853.
William C. Plunkett, 1854.
John T. Heard, 1855.
Bradford L. Wales, 1856.
Henry Goddard, 1857.
Lorenzo H. Gamwell, 1858.
Joel Spaulding, 1859.
*William North, 1860.
Henry Chickering, 1861.
*†William C. Martin, 1862.
William W. Baker, 1863 (June).
William S. Gardner, 1863.
*Wendell T. Davis, 1864.
William Sutton, 1865.
Samuel P. Oliver, 1866.
William F. Salmon, 1867.
*Ithamar F. Conkey, 1868.
Samuel C. Lawrence, 1869.
David W. Crafts, 1870.
*Charles Kimball, 1871.
Henry Endicott, 1872.
William T. Grammar, 1873.
*William J. Sawin, 1874.
Abraham H. Howland, Jr., 1875.
Daniel W. Lawrence, 1876.
William H. Chessman, 1877.
Solon W. Stevens, 1878.

PAST JUNIOR GRAND WARDENS.

*Paul Revere, 1777, 78.
*Thomas Crafts, 1779.
*James Jackson, 1780.
*Edward Proctor, 1781.
*James Carter, 1782.
*John Juteau, 1783, 84.
*Moses M. Hays, 1785.
*Thomas Edwards, 1786, 87.
*Elisha Porter, 1788.
*Aaron Dexter, 1789–91.
*Mungo McKay, 1792.
*Samuel Parkman, 1793.
*Richard Salter, 1794.
*Joseph Laughton, 1795, 96.
*William Little, 1797.
*John Boyle, 1798.
*Rev. Thad. M. Harris, 1779.
*Isaac Hurd, 1800, 1801.
*Timothy Bigelow, 1802.
*John Soley, 1803, 1804.
*Shubael Bell, 1805, 1806.
*Henry Fowle, 1807.
*Francis J. Oliver, 1808.
*Oliver Prescott, 1809.
*Benjamin Russell, 1810, 11.
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*Thomas Cole, 1819.
*Elijah Crane, 1820, 21.
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*John Keys, 1823–25.
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*William J. Whipple, 1829–31.
*James A. Dickson, 1832.

*Benjamin B. Appleton, 1833, 35.
*Simon W. Robinson, 1836.
*C. Gayton Pickman, 1837, 39.
*Winslow Lewis, Sen., 1840, 42.
*Thomas Power, 1843.
*John Hews, 1844.
*John R. Bradford, 1845–47.
*Thomas N. Vinson, 1848.
*†Asa T. Newhall, 1849, 50.
*William Eaton, 1851 (March).
*John Flint, 1851.
*Rev. Benjamin Huntoon, 1852.
Jonas A. Marshall, M.D., 1853.
*Samuel K. Hutchinson, 1854.
Charles R. Train, 1855.
*John H. Shepard, 1856.
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*Charles Robbins, 1858.
William D. Coolidge, 1859.
*Jesse P. Pattee, 1860.
Peter C. Jones, 1861.
Daniel Reynolds, 1862.
Benjamin Dean, 1863.
1864.¶
Wyzeman Marshall, 1865.
Henry Mulliken, 1866.
George H. Taber, 1867.
Ivory H. Pope, 1868.
Richard Briggs, 1869.
Elijah W. Burr, 1870.
Tracy P. Cheever, 1871.
Joseph K. Baker, 1872.
Charles G. Reed, 1873.
Lucius W. Lovell, 1874.
Daniel Upton, 1875.
*†Charles J. Danforth, 1876.
Edward Avery, 1877 (June).
Irving B. Sayles, 1877.
Henry G. Fay, 1878.

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*John Lowell, 1777–1783.
*William Scollay, 1784–1786.
*Aaron Dexter, 1787, 1788.
*William Little, 1789–1791.
*Samuel Parkman, 1792, 1793.
*William Little, 1794–1796.
*Thomas Dennie, 1797.
*Allen Crocker, 1798-1808.
*†Andrew Sigourney, 1809–1819.
*Elijah Morse, 1820–1825.
*John J. Loring, 1826–1847.
*Thomas Tolman, 1848–60.
*†John McClellan, 1861–1878.
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*William Hoskins, 1778–80.
*Benjamin Coolidge, 1781–84.
*John Welch, Jr., 1785.
*George Richards, 1786.
*Gabriel Helme, 1787.
*John Jackson, 1788, 89.
*Joseph Laughton, 1790, 91.

*Thomas Farrington, 1792.
*Samuel Colesworthy, 1793.
*Daniel Oliver, 1794–1801.
*John Proctor, 1802–1810.
*John Soley, 1811–18.
*Thomas Power, 1819–32.
*Charles W. Moore, 1833–66.
‡Solon Thornton, 1867–71.
*†§Rev. Charles H. Titus, 1871–78.
Tracy P. Cheever, 1878.

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† Deceased while in office.
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